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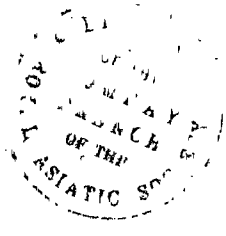

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# PREFATORY NOTE.

THIS reprint of the "Despatches from England, 1670–1677" has been undertaken in accordance with the decision of the Government of Madras to publish the records of Fort St. George of the seventeenth and the eighteenth centuries *in extenso*, as explained in the preface to the "Diary and Consultation Book, 1672–1678."

This volume is the earliest record now existing in the Madras Record Office. It is also the first of the series generally known as "Despatches from England," originally styled "General Letters." As stated by Talboys Wheeler, the series consists of "letters interchanged at intervals between the Government of Madras and "the Board of Directors. Those 'to England' contain full information respecting "the affairs of this Presidency; those 'from England' contain the instructions of the "Board of Directors, and its approval or non-approval of the Government Proceed-"ings. As a series of Official Correspondence running over the same period as the "Consultations, these General Letters are invested with considerable interest."

The despatches and other communications in this volume—a list has been prefixed to the volume—were addressed by the Board of Directors between 1670 and 1677 to their Agents at Fort St. George, Masulapatam, Surat and the Bay. Some of them are originals, others are copies.

The original volume is much decayed. The first letter, dated the 9th November 1670 and addressed to "Our Agent and Councell in Fort St. George", has now entirely disappeared, although it existed in a "much injured" form at the time when Mr. Hudleston made his extracts. Several of the papers are actually crumbling or likely to crumble by further handling. These are indicated in the "remarks" column in the Table of Contents.

The following procedure has been adopted in indicating portions lost or doubtful:—

(1) portions which have crumbled are indicated by means of square brackets with a note in italics within the brackets, thus,—[*a word lost*], [*two or three words lost*], [*a line lost*], [*a figure lost*], etc;

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## DESPATCHES FROM ENGLAND.

### FROM 1670 TO 1677.

### THE COMPANIE'S LETTER TO THE CHEIFE & FACTORS AT MESULAPATAN, DATED 29 NOVEMBER 1670, N°. 7. ℔ THE SAMPSON.

OUR CHEIFE AND FACTORS AT MESULAPATAN. London 29 November 1670.

Wee hope that M^r. Mohune, is safely arrived w^th you, & that you have called M^r. Jearsy to accompt, & recd sattisfaction for what estate of ours came to his hands, & for such damages, as wee have susteyned from him, in those perticulers, w^ch he is charged w^th, w^ch if you have not fully effected, wee desire you [to] use your best endeavours for y^e accomplishm^t thereof, w^ch wee y^e rather againe, earnestly recom-end to you, wee having suffred so much by him, & have renewed complaints of his miscarriadges, Wee hope you have put in execution those Instructions, sent by M^r Mohune, for the setling of our affaires there in order, as to y^e good governm^t of o^r Factors, & Factorie, & y^e selling of our goods for our best advantage, & procuring as great a vent for English Manufactures as may be in order to w^ch wee would have you not stand on too high prices for them, but to sell them at such rates, as may be-get y^e greatest vent thereof, And for y^e buying in of our goods, at y^e reasonablest rates, y^t can be procured, for wee standing now in competicon w^th the Dutch & other Nations, & India goods being now so much falne here, wee must endeavour to have them bought there, as cheape as may bee, And wee require all persons to observe our Orders, in our setlement of each person, as to place & precedency, w^thout continuing or making any new disturbance concerning the same, observing from time to time such further directions, as you shall [receive from] our Agent & Counsell, whoe will give you advise what [sorts and quantities of goods shall] be provided at your Factory [for the effecting whereof wee have ordered] them to send [you] stock answearable, w^ch wee have apointed to be about 25000, And as wee have given them Instructions, to keep[e] [a] faire corespondency w^th the Natives, & to remoove all ocasions [of misunderstandings], you will receive Directions in this perticular also.

* This is the second letter in this volume. The first letter extending over sixteen pages which has crumbled away entirely, was addressed by the Company to the "Agent & Councell in Fort St. George" and was dated 9th November 1670. Mr. Hudleston gives a purport of the letter in his 'Notes on & extracts from the Government Records in Fort St. George, Madras', published in 1871 and remarks that it was "much injured" and the Madras Press List compiled in 1891 mentions that it was "very much decayed".

[Wee desire you when our] ships come to your port, either outward or homeward bound, th[at] you use all dill[igence] for their speedy di[spatch], that they may [not be there] deteyned as formerly hath [bin too] frequent [to our very] [g]reat [preiudice And take] care for y^e^ discovery & prevention of private Trade [Bee carefull to manadge all our] afaires w^th^ good husbandry & frugallity, & so praying to y^e^ Almighty to blesse [and guide] you, wee remaine.

Your very loving freindes.

[MICHAELL] DAVISON — [ANDR] RIC[CARD, GOV^R.]

J. ROBINSON. — [ROB] THOMSON [DY GOV^R.]

WILL. THOMSON.

BENJAMIN ALBYN

[SAM. BARNARDISTON]

JOHN [JOLLIFE]

[THO] PA[PILLON]

THO BROMFEILD

NATHANIEL HERNE [*names lost*]

JOHN [BATHURST]

## THE COMPANIE'S LETTER * TO THE CHEIFE & FACTORS AT MESULAPATAN, DATED 29 NOVEMBER 1670. N^o^ 6 ℔ THE EAST INDIA MERCH^T

OUR CHEIFE AND FACTORS AT MESULAPATAN. London 29 November 1670.

Wee hope that M^r^: Mohune, is safely arrived w^th^ you, and that you have called M^r^ Jearsy to accompt, & recd sattisfaction for what Estate of ours, came to his hands, & for such damages, as wee have susteyned from him, in those perticulers, w^ch^ he is charged with, w^ch^ if you have not fully effected, wee desire you to use your best endeavours for the accomplishm^t^ thereof, w^ch^ wee y^e^ rather againe, earnestly recommend to you, wee having suffred so much by him, & have renewed complaints of his miscarriages, Wee hope you have put in execution those Instructions sent by M^r^ Mohune: for y^e^ setling of our affaires there in order, as to y^e^ good governm^t^ of the Factors & Factorie, & the selling of our goods for our best advantage, & procuring as great a vent for English Manufactures as may be, in order to w^ch^ wee would have you, not to stand on too high prices for them, but to sell them at such rates, as may beget y^e^ greatest vent thereof, And for y^e^ buying in of our goods, at y^e^ reasonablest rates, y^t^ can be ℔cured ffor wee standing now in competicon w^th^ the Dutch & other Nations, & India goods being now so much falne here, wee must endeavour to have them bought there, as cheape as may bee, And wee doe require all persons, to observe our Orders in our settlement of each person, as to place & precedency, without continuing, or making any new disturbances concerning the same, observing from time to time, such further directions, as you shall receive from our Agent & ℒounsell, whoe will give you advise what sorts & quantities of goods, shall be provided at your Factory, for the effecting whereof wee have ordered them to send [you] stock

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answearable, w^ch^ wee have ordred [to] be about 25000, And as wee have given them Instructions, to keepe a faire corespondency with the Natives, & to remoove all occasions of misunderstandings, you will receive from them directions, in this perticuler als.

Wee desire you when our ships come to your port, either outward or homeward bound, that you use all dilligence for their speedy dispatch, y^t^ they may not be there de[teyned] as formerly hath bin too frequent to our very great preiudice, And take

* This letter is a duplicate of the foregoing letter.

care for y^e^ discovery & prevention of private Trade, Bee carefull to manadge all our affaires w^th^ good [husbandry] & frugallity, & so praying to y^e^ Almighty to guide & blesse you, Wee remaine

Your very loving freindes

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| [Sam Barnardiston] | J. Robinson. | |
| Will. Thomson. | John Banks. | [Andr] Riccard [Gov^r.^] |
| John Jollife | | |
| Benjamin Albyn | Tho Bromfeild | [Rob] Thomson [Dy Gov^r.^] |
| Tho : Papillon. | Charles Thoro[ld] | ffrancis [Clarke] |
| Ja Houblon | Nathaniel Herne | John [Morton] |
| Michaell [D]avison | John Bath[urst] | J[ohn] [Paige] |

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## * IRREGULER ENTRIES & EXPENCES BROUGHT TO ACC^T.^ IN HUGHLY & BALLASSORE BOOKES N^o.^ G. I. J. K. Mr. W^M.^ BLAKE CHEIFE. REC^D.^ Y^E^ 20 AUGUST 1671

RREGULER Entries & Expences brought to Acco^T^ in Hughly & Balla[sore] [Bookes] N^o^ G. H. I. & K. viz^T^

Bookes N^o^ G beginning y^E^ 21^TH^ October 1664 & Ending y^E^ 30^TH^ Nober 1665 is 13 mo[nths] [$\frac{9}{30}$] Mr. W^M.^ Blake Cheife.

5. Robert Elwes hath ℔reditt by Ch[arges gen]nerall Rup̃ 1167 : 5$\frac{3}{4}$ amongst [which there] is Rup̃ 402 : 10 an̄ sai[es 10,000] for provisions for Seamen to goe downe from Ballasore with y^e^ goods to secure them from y^e^ Gelliars—This I suppose to bee a Mistake in regard there is noe danger of Gelliars betweene Ballasore and y^e^ place of y^e^ shipps Rideing in that Road, Also y^e^ Expense of Servants Wages brought to his ℔redditt in said parcell for one Moneth is very unreasonable being noe less then Rū 486 : 1 an but of this more hereafter Soe that in this parcell there is only recharged y^e^ mistake beforementioned of ... ... ... Rup̃ ,, 0402 ,, 10.

5. Cash hath ℔reditt by acco^t^ of ffreight Rup̃ 2000 paid in part for ℔arring of 256[8] baggs of peetre & other parcells of goods from Hughly to Ballasore on board y^e^ shipps, w^ch^ I Estimatt to ℔ont 2 M^ds^ ℔ parcell is 5136 M^ds^ And in y^e^ [Same] Journall parcell Robert Ellwees hath also ℔reditt by accompt of ffreight ru 300 paid by him in full for freight of y^e^ said 2568 parcells or 5136 M^ds^ But it is not menconed to whome paid, how many Rup̃ ℔ 100 : M^ds^ or how many boates were Imployed in ℔arring said Goods, To which : I answer y^t^ y^e^ rate is very unreasonable, first for That in y^e^ [P]attana [bookes] I finde y^e^ Comp^as^ peeter cost from thence to Hughly but from 10$\frac{1}{2}$ to 16 rū ℔ 100 M^ds^ And yett y^e^ hazard greater and y^e^ dist[ance] [*Lacuna in the original*] as farr as betweene Hughly & Ballasore, And 2^ly^ The ordinary freight from Hughly to Ballasore is

* The original of this document is in a dilapidated state.

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but from 11 to 13 rũ ℔ 100 M$^{ds}$ Soe allowing the Medium price is 12 rũ at which price 5136 M$^{ds}$: am$^{ts}$ to Rũ 616: 5 añ And y$^{e}$ Company are Overcharged in this freight ... ... ... ... R[u]p$^{s}$. 1683 „ 11:

11. Narrandas hath ℔reditt in acco$^{ts}$ by ℔harges Gennerall for his wages: for a twelve moneth Rup$^{s}$ 336: Nor for this allowance I find noe ℔onsultacon or reason given for y$^{e}$ same, But I finde y$^{t}$ he was [a] person Imployed & Intru[st]ed by M$^{r}$ Blake w$^{th}$ y$^{e}$ [c]harge [*a few words lost*] Wareheuses, which being soe ℔ontrary to Order M$^{r}$ Bla[ke] [*a word or two lost*] make good this Charge beeing ... ... Rup$^{s}$ —0336 „ 0—

Ditto Narrandas in y$^{e}$ same Journall parcell hath ℔red$^{tt}$ Rup$^{s}$ 852: 9 [añ for] Imbaling severall goods which appeares to be Overrated [*a few letters lost*] according to wh[at] is charged in fol 43 of this Journall ... Rup$^{s}$. 0416 „ 03:

[14] Heere are Severall goods brought to accompt and mad[e] [*a word lost*] at Extraordinary prices, but not menconed of whome Received, as [*a word or two lost*] yarne Sticklack: Sannoes and Saltpeetre (but of y$^{e}$ Saltpeetre more [in y$^{e}$] following parragrafe) and for their payment [severall Goods] & M [*remainder of the word lost*] hath ℔reditt. The said Cotton Yarne &$^{c}$ notwith[standing] [*a word or two lost*] [mone]th of ffebrua$^{y}$ is brought to Acco$^{t}$ as dear [*a word or two lost*]

Although M$^{r}$ Blake in Severall [of] his Le[tte]rs to y$^{e}$ [Company] [*a few words lost*] Goods are dearer by 40 or 50 ℔ ℔ent after y$^{e}$ shipps arrivall then in ffebrua$^{y}$: and other Moneths [after] there departure Soe these goods that is to say y$^{e}$ Cotton Yarne, Sticklack & [sannoes] are over Rated ... ... Rupes: .....

15. The Saltpeetre br[oug]ht to [*a word lost*] y$^{e}$ parcell above-mencone[d] [$\overset{mds}{5416}$] at rũ 4$\frac{5}{8}$ ℔ M$^{d}$ am$^{s}$ to rũ 237: 11 añ. The Camp$^{as}$ dou[ble] Refine[d] [peetre]; at Pattana cost this yeare but [a]bout 1 ru [℔] M$^{d}$ & $\overset{Ru\ an}{1:4}$ and $\overset{ru}{[6]}$ ℔ Maund: Butt allowing rup$^{s}$ 1$\frac{1}{2}$ ℔ M$^{d}$ and 4 añ for freight from Pattana to Hughly (although it is not 3 añ ℔ m$^{d}$) these 51 m$^{ds}$ $\overset{Sr}{168}$ at ru 1$\frac{3}{4}$ ℔ Man$^{ds}$ Am$^{ts}$ b[u]t unto ru 89: 15 an Soe y$^{e}$ Company are Overcharged ... ... ... ... Rup$^{s}$. [00147 „ 12]

17. In this Journall folio there is in like manner as before menconed a parcell of Sannoes & Taffities brought to Acco$^{t}$ Recd in Hughly cleare of all Charges (in y$^{e}$ M$^{o}$ of March) but not Menconed of whome bought. y$^{e}$ said Tuffaties being Ordinary are rated from 4$\frac{1}{4}$ to 5$\frac{1}{2}$ rup$^{s}$ ℔ peece, which is a verry extravagant rate. The Comp$^{as}$ ordinary, Taffataies this yeare at Cassambuzar ℔ost but from $\overset{ru\ an}{2:8}$ to 4: rup$^{s}$ [℔] peece Soe y$^{t}$ allowing y$^{e}$ Medium of the prices is rup$^{s}$ 3: 4 an ℔ peece at which rate 2880 peeces Taffataies amo$^{ts}$ to

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rup$^{s}$ 9360 :—And as they stand rated in y$^{e}$ bookes they cost rũ 14709 : 2 anes Soe y$^{e}$ Overcharge is Rup$^{s}$ 5349 : 2 an$^{s}$. As touching y$^{e}$ Sannoes they are rated from 3½ to 5 rup$^{s}$ ℔ peece. In w$^{ch}$ price I doubt not but y$^{e}$ Company are much wronged as in y$^{e}$ Taffataies beforemenconed and then y$^{e}$ Overcharge is rup$^{s}$ 1608 Soe y$^{e}$ Overrate on y$^{e}$ Taffataies and Sannoes is rup$^{s}$. 06957 „ 00

17. Tuttinage Lead &$^{c}$ hath ℔reditt and are delivered at an under rate, for payment of y$^{e}$ abovemenconed Taffataies and Sannoes there being but 32 rup ℔ Maund brought to acco$^{t}$ for 154 M$^{ds}$ of Tuttinage & 3¾ rup ℔ yard for y$^{e}$ Broad ℔loth, And in the proceedeing bookes K. Jor$^{ll}$ fol 50 Tuttinage is there Sold at 34 rũ [*a few words lost*] [there is] brought short to acco$^{t}$ for y$^{e}$ Tuttinage ru 308 : [*a word or two lost*] [ing] y$^{e}$ Broad cloth in fol 15 of this Journall it is there sold at rup$^{s}$ 4½ & 4 rup$^{s}$ ℔ yard And in y$^{e}$ following parcell but one Broad cloath is there sold for ready Money at rup$^{s}$ 6 ℔ yard [S]oe that accompting y$^{e}$ 300 yards at 4½ rup$^{s}$ ℔ yard the Company [are] allowed short 450 rup$^{s}$ And in y$^{e}$ Tuttinage & Broad cloath [toge]ther the Company are damaged...Rupees [*figures lost*]

18. [*A word lost*] heere [y$^{e}$ reasonableness] brought to Acco$^{t}$ for James Prices [*a few words lost*] which for his owne wages, ℔harges punes [*a few words lost*] but rup$^{s}$ 40 ℔ m$^{o}$, by w$^{ch}$ may be seene the [*a few words lost*] vances made by M$^{r}$ Blake unto Tho : Pratt [*a few words lost*] Comp$^{as}$ or as A[gent &] ℔ouncells ord$^{r}$ or Consultation for y$^{e}$ same [*a few words lost*]

19. [*Two words lost*] hath ℔reditt by Saltpeeter for 768 M$^{ds}$ : 88$^{sr}$ twice Refined at ru 2½ ℔ M$^{d}$, And at Pattana y$^{e}$ Comp$^{as}$ double [Refined] [*a word or two lost*] [fine Peeter] w$^{ch}$ [charg]es to Hughly cost this yeare but ru 1 : 12 an ℔ Maund Soe y$^{e}$ 768 M$^{ds}$ [88$^{sr}$] abovemenconed is Overrated. Rup$^{s}$ 00,576 „ 02:

20. Robert Ellwes hath Creditt by Saltpeetre for Charges thereon ru 101 : 13¼ an$^{s}$ but noe mencon is made how y$^{e}$ S$^{d}$ Expence did arise, his ℔reditt also by Boates, is much after y$^{e}$ same manner.

21. Pattana Factory is Charged to Cash Rup 146½ vidz$^{t}$ for 5 yds Scarlett 21 rup ℔ yard 2 sword Blades 14 rũ and 6 rich Knives at ru 27 : a [*one word lost*] all which is verry Extravagant.

22. Cash hath ℔reditt by Thomas Pratt for Severall ℔ticule$^{rs}$ [sd to be boug$^{t}$] but not menconed of whome bought and sent to Decca to present y$^{e}$ Nabob and his Officers which ℔ticule$^{rs}$ consist of Lookinglasses. Knives Xirash Wine &$^{c}$ am$^{o}$ to Rup 1879 : 4 an$^{s}$ all which perticule$^{rs}$ are rated at Most Extravagant prices (M$^{r}$ Blake being y$^{e}$ Merch$^{t}$ of whome they were

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boug[t]) And further there is noe assurance y[t] all was sent y[t] is placed to acco[t] in y[e] Comp[as] bookes, And if upon Examinacon it shall appeare that they were sent, yett y[e] Overrate is ... ... ... Rupees ...

31: Narrandas hath Dreditt by Sloope Good Intent for Seamens Dyett severall Mon[ths], And in y[e] Mo[th] of Septemb[r] here is placed to acco[t] ru 1088: 2¼ an[s] for y[t] m[o] Expence, w[ch] I apprehend to bee a great mistake at least 1000 rup too much in á proporcon to y[e] Charge of y[e] Madras pinace for sd m[oth] ru ... ... 1000 „ —

32. D[o] Narrandas hath Creditt by acco[t] of ffreight rup 2447: 09½ an[s] for y[e] hire of a Country Shipp of 5000 M[ds] to bring downe Saltpeetre &[c] from Hughly. And in fol 41 of this Journall y[e] sd Narrandas hath Dreditt by acco[t] of ffreight Rup[s] 285: 5 an[s]: said to be paid Seamens Dyett of this hired shipp, Soe y[e] whole is rup 2732: 14 an[s] I cannot apprehend y[t] at this time there was any Necessity for freighting of this Vessell in regard y[e] Comp[as] owne Sloopes and Pinnaces might have performed y[e] woorke: y[e] Seamens Dyett & wages being Mon[thly] brought to acco[t], But allowing that there was reason for ffreighting y[e] [sd Vessell yett tho] Ordinary freight is but 12 ru ℔ 100 M[ds] at which rate y[e] 5000 [M[ds]] amo[t] to ru 600 Soe y[e] Overrate is ... ... ... ... Rup 2132 „ 14

33. Hughly Merch[ts] hath Dreditt by Taffataies for 600 peeces fine at 12 ru ℔ peece, but y[e] Names of those Hughly Merch[ts] are not menconed, The Comp[as] fine Taffataies y[e] former yeare [*a word or two lost*] cost but 6½ rup 7½: 8½: 9 & 10 rup ℔ peece except some few super[fine] higher prices at 2: 3: or 4 peeces of a sort as in y[e] Bookes 166½ [*a word lost*] fol 4: & 15 will appeare, But allowing y[e] said 600 peeces above[menco] ned to Dost 9 ru ℔ peece then y[e] Overrate is 3 ru ℔ pee[ce] [*a few words lost*]

35. Proffitt & Loss is Dharged to sundry acco[ts] for Broad Dloth: [Quicksilver] and [Vermillion] wanting out of y[e] Sloope Intent at her arrivall at Hughly all [amo[ts]] to rup 558: 15 The Company are not sattisfyed [*a word lost*] the Seamen & others intrusted in this Boate were not caused to give [satis] faccon And in y[e] future doe expect y[t] more care bee taken in Matters of y[e] like Nature And y[e] persons into whose Custody they shall bee Domitted if any want found that then in such Dase they make full sattisfaccon for the said wants.

36: Saltpeetre 6110 Maunds Twice boyled, brought to acco and said to bee bought in Hughly cleare of all Charges at ru 3: 4 an ℔ Maund amo[ts] to rup 19857: 8 an, but it is not menconed of whome bought. The twice boyled peetre at Pattana accounting y[e] highest price

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doth not cost $1\frac{3}{4}$ rũ ℔ M$^{d}$ Charges of ffreight &$^{c}$ to Hughly Included Butt allowing rũ $1\frac{3}{4}$ ℔ Mau$^{d}$ yett y$^{e}$ 6110 Mau$^{ds}$: will amo$^{t}$ to but rũ 10692 : 8 an$^{s}$ Soe y$^{e}$ Company are Overcharged in sd parcell... rup 9265 „ —

Also in y$^{e}$ preceeding parcell folio 36 There is 1050 peeces fine Taffataies brought to accompt in like manner, as beforemenconed at rũ 11 : 8 an$^{s}$ ℔ peece, And at Cassambazar y$^{e}$ Medium price of y$^{e}$ Comp$^{as}$ fine Taffataies bought last yeare ℔ost but rup$^{s}$ $8\frac{1}{4}$ as beforemencond in fol 33. But allowing 9 rup$^{s}$ ℔ peece yett y$^{e}$ 1050 peeces beforemencond are Overrated rupes $2\frac{1}{2}$ ℔ peece which amounts to rupees ... ... 26 [2]5

Now for paym$^{t}$ of sd peetre & Taffataies Broad Cloth is delivered att 4 rup ℔ yard, fine Scarlett at 12 rup ℔ yard, And yett y$^{e}$ Company are charged 20 rũ ℔ yard for what given in present Lead 9 rũ ℔ Mand and Quicksilver 3 rup$^{s}$ ℔ seere.

41: Bullamaleek hath ℔reditt by Saltpeetre Rup$^{s}$ 830 : 3 an$^{s}$ for 4151 peeces Gunnies at 5 gunnies ℔ rup$^{e}$, But how these Gunnies were disposed or what occation for y$^{e}$ same is not mentioned, Soe that untill such time as M$^{r}$ Blake can give good Sattisfaccon touching y$^{e}$ said Gunnies disposure hee ought to bee Chargeable therewith rup$^{s}$ 830 „ **03.**

42. Lead hath Creditt by Hughly Merch$^{ts}$ at ru $8\frac{1}{2}$ ℔ M$^{d}$; w$^{ch}$ is halfe a rupee less then any sold: Broad Cloth at rupp 4 ℔ yard And Quicksilv$^{r}$: & vermillion at $3\frac{1}{2}$ rup seere in all w$^{ch}$: y$^{e}$ Company are damaged rup„

43. Narrandas hath ℔reditt by Proffitt & Losse rup: 408 : 3 an for Interest of severall Sumes of Monie, said to bee taken up for suply of Ballasore ffactory at severall times To this I answer I doe not finde any Money [*a word or two lost*] as specifyed in y$^{e}$ Journall nor any reason for sd allowance being ru 408 „ **03.**

—[N]arrandas hath ℔red$^{tt.}$ for Sev$^{rll}$ ℔ticule$^{rs}$, sd to be bou$^{t}$ by him for presents [*a word lost*] [2 : ½] amongst which there is ℔harged 5 rup for one Amber hafted [*a few letters lost*] by which with other ℔ticule$^{rs}$ more at large drawne out may bee [*a few words lost*] unreasonable [rates brought to acco$^{t}$ for Toyes &$^{c}$] [*a few words lost*] [p]resents.

44. Charges Gennerall is ℔harged to Sundry acco$^{ts}$ for $12\frac{3}{4}$ y$^{ds}$ perpetuan$^{s}$: & [*figures indistinct*] Maund ℔otton Wooll said to [bee used] [bu]t not menconed how: or [on what occasion y$^{e}$ same was expended], And y$^{e}$ like practice is [observed in many other particulars not before Noted] In the future it is expected y$^{t}$ a sattis-[factory Acco$^{t}$ be] given in y$^{e}$ Journall parcell for all Expences or otherwys [of this or y$^{e}$ like Nature.]

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AN ACCO$^{T}$ OF Y$^{E}$ CHARGES & EXPENSES [BROU$^{T}$ TO ACCO$^{T}$] IN BOOKE N$^{O}$ G: BEGINING Y$^{E}$ [21]$^{TH}$ OCTOBER 1664 & ENDING Y$^{E}$ 30$^{TH}$ NOBER 1665 IS $\frac{13}{M}$ 9 DAYS.

Presents given away (over & above y$^{e}$ 6000 rup̃ Extorted by y$^{e}$ Govern$^{r}$ of Hughly for 2 yeares) in Severall perticulers Rũ ... 3262: 14: an$^{s}$

Presents brought to acco$^{t}$, and said to be disposed by Thomas Pratt at Decca. ... ... ... ... ... rup$^{s}$ 1957: 12: [an$^{s}$]

Off y$^{e}$ Presents beforemenconed severall ℔ticulers are sd to bee bought am$^{o}$ to Rup. [*Lacuna in the original*] as ℔$^{r}$ a: paper apart, w$^{ch}$ are placed to acco$^{t}$ at Extraordin$^{ry}$ prices.

Charges Gennerall ℐleared by proffitt and Loss Rũ 17996: 9½ an$^{s}$ of w$^{ch}$ there is for Dyett as in fol̃ (45) ... 2140: 00 an$^{s}$:

Soe there Remaynes Rup$^{s}$ 15856: 9½ an$^{s}$ out of which: deduct rup 747 for the thirds of Sallary paid [& placed] to Acco$^{t}$ of Charges Generall there rests rup̃ 15109: 9½ $^{ans}$: being for Servants wages Travelling Expences &$^{t}$, the Extravagancy of which will best appeare from y$^{e}$ booke of perticulers. ... ... ... Ru 15109: 09 an$^{s}$:

Rupees: 224[70: 03:] an$^{s}$:

At 2$^{sh}$ 6$^{d}$ ℔ Rupee amounts to £ 2808: 15$^{sh}$: 05$^{d}$ besides y$^{e}$ 3000 ru ℔ anum to y$^{e}$ Govern$^{r}$ of Hughly:

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8. Cash hath ℐreditt by [proffitt &] Loss for Interest sd̃ to bee allowe[d] Hughly Merch$^{ts}$ & N[arrandas, To which] I answer [first that y$^{e}$ Hughly Merch$^{ts}$ or rather M$^{r}$ Blakes ℐreditt doth] [*a few words lost*] [the Taffataies & Saltpeetre brou]ght to their ℐreditt in bookes N$^{o}$. G. fol 36 &c$^{t}$ And therefore ought not to bee allowed And as for what allowed Narrandas I cannot apprehend y$^{t}$ there is reason for y$^{e}$ same [in regard] when Narrandas [is Indebited to y$^{e}$] Company as usually hee hath bin hee never at any time made allowance for y$^{e}$ same further, severall sumes of Money for which this Interest is allowed are Extravagant & Irregulerly brought to acco$^{t}$ And therefore ought not to bee allowed as is before Noated in bookes G The Interest as above w$^{ch}$ ye Company ought not to bee Charged with is rup̃ 00609 „ 13:

9. Taffataies are Charged to Sundry acco$^{ts}$ Rup 7125:—for 600 fine peeces bought in Barter ℐleare of all Charges in Hughly, but not menconed of whome bought vidz$^{t}$ 150 at rup$^{s}$: 11½ & 450 at 12 rũ ℔ peece And y$^{e}$ same yeare y$^{e}$ said Taffataies might have bin bought

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at Cassambuzar (where y^e^ Company were at y^e^ Charge of Mainteyning y^e^ ffactory) for rup^s^ 9 ℔ peece Soe y^e^ sd 600 Taffataies are Overcharged ... ... rup^s^: 01725 „ 00:

Now y^e^ Comodities delivered in Barter for y^e^ abovementioned Taffataies were Quicksilver & Vermillion Vidz^t^ y^e^ Quicksilver at rup^s^ 3 ℔ seere 593 s^r^ Vermillion at rup^s^ 3½ ℔ S^r^ To this I answer, that for y^e^ Quicksilver it is a verry lowe rate, And as for y^e^ Vermill̃ none hath bin sold at soe low a price, either in y^e^ preceeding or [the] following Bookes, And in y^e^ following bookes it was disposed at 4 : and [5⅓ rup^s^] ℔ Seere, Soe y^e^ Medium is 4 rũ 10 an^s^ ℔ Seere which ma[kes y^e^ difference] ru 1 : 4 an^s^ ℔ S^r^ short allowed y^e^ Company am^o^ to Rũ [*figures lost*]

12. [Mamood] Izzuff hath ℔reditt by proffitt & Losse rup̃ 118 : 12 an^s^ for Interest of 2500 rupees : To this I answer that y^e^ Company were not Indebited to him rup^s^ 200 And whereas hee hath ℔reditt for y^e^ sd Interest, it appears to bee a ℔leare mistake, for that hee should have bin charged therewith, hee being Indebted to y^e^ Company for a sloope sold him which may bee soone discovered by y^e^ Acco^t^ Soe that M^r^ Blake is not onely to bee charged with this Mistake of ru 118 : 12 an^s^ but also y^e^ like sume which y^e^ said Mamood Izzuff ought to have allowed y^e^ Company Soe y^e^ whole mistake is ... ... ... ... ... rups 237 „ 08 :

13. Proffitt & Losse is ℔harged to Boates, amongst w^ch^ there is a small Bora sd to bee taken by Mamod Izzuff y^e^ Govern^r^ of Ballassore to carry Provisions on bord y^e^ Kings Sloopes & by y^t^ meanes Sunck, It is not reasonable that this Boate should bee thus writt off but Charged to y^e^ said Mamoods Accompt, whoe in all reason ought to sattisfy [for] y^e^ Same, if that hee hath not already in some other way made M^r^ Blake Recompence And in such ℔ase then M^r^ Blake ought [to make good] ... ... ... ... rupees „ 200 „ —

13. Bollysin hath ℔reditt by proffitt & Losse rup̃ 10 for soe much hee (as it is said) to have reed less for Quicksilver &^t^ Sold then hee Stands charged with, To this I answere y^t^ hee bought [noe] Quicksilver or other goods of y^e^ Comp^as^ as is Suggested, for y^e^ Originall of his Debt doth arise in former bookes by Transfering ℔t of one Iogos Debt to his Acco^t^ to bee paid in 40 dayes, Soe y^t^ from hence & what before Noated from Sev^rll^ parcells may bee seene y^e^ Mistakes or falcities of y^e^ Journ^ll^ parcell ... ... ... ... Rup^s^ 10 „ 00

[18] Lead hath ℔reditt by Acco^t^ Currant for 17½ Maunds [said to bee] wanting in weight, without giveing any reason how y^e^ sd want did arrise, It may bee supposed y^t^ y^e^ said want did arrise by M^r^ Blakes Intrusting the Warehouse in y^e^ Charge of a Banian

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Contrary to y^e^ Comp^as^ Order, Soe y^t^ untill better Sattisfaccon bee given M^r^ Blake ought to bee Charged therewith at 10 rup^s^ ℔ Maund ... Rupees ,, 175 ,, 00

Interest brought to acco^t^ in fol 15; & other places shall bee Noated at Close of the whole business.—

Expences brought to acco^t^ in these bookes for 9 Moneths vidz^t^:—

23. Charges Dyett brought to Accompt ... ... Rup^s^ 1379: 14 anos ½

— Presents given away rũ 3976: 14 anos whereof rũ 3000 y^e^ annuall allowa[nce] ... ... ... ... ... [3976]: 14

Charges Gennerall for Servants wages Coolies & severall other Expences, y^e^ Extravagancy of which may bee seene in y^e^ booke of ℔iculers, in regard they are not Entred in y^e^ Journall Rup 5949 ,, 01[½]

11305 ,, 13¾

Deduct y^e^ anuall Allowance of rup^s^ ... ... 3000: —:—

8305: 13: ¾

Rupees 8305: 13 anos y^e^ nett Expence in 9 m^os^: at 2^sh^ 6^d^ ℔ rũ is £1038 04^sh^: 07^d^.

HUGHLY & BALLASORE BOOKES N° I BEGINING Y^E^ ℔° SEPTEMB^R^: 1666 AND ENDING Y^E^ 31^TH^ OCTOBER 1668 IS 2 YEARES 2 MO^TH^ M^R^ W^M^ BLAKE CHEIFE.

7. [Thomas] Pratt hath Dreditt by sundry [acco^ts^ Rup^s^] 3374: [y^e^ prin]cipall disbursments [whereof is rup 795: 8 an for] presents [rup] 2[5]20 for Charges Gennerall [for 14 m^os^ sd to bee according to agreemen]t, but by whome this agreement Is made is not menconed, neither hath [the] agreement bin ever sent for England, y^e^ Remainder of [y^e^] Creditt is for refuse [Lookein-glasses & sword blades return]ed formerly sent by M^r^ [Blake for presents. Itt is not reasonable y^t^ Such allowances should bee made,] without y^e^ approbacon of y^e^ Agent & C[ouncell]or Donsent of y^e^ Douncell in y^e^ Bay, Soe y^t^ if this Allowance [was] made (w^ch^ is much to be doubted) yett it being done contrary to Ord^r^ M^r^ Blake ought [*a few words lost*] the same ... Rup [3374 ,, 00]

8. The Ballance of Pratts Acco^t^ made & paid rũ 2014: 11 an.

8. Taffataies are Charged to Quicksilver for 450 peeces bought in Truck for Quicksilver, but not menconed of whome bought viz^t^ 150 at 5: 2 ru ans ℔ peece & 300 at 4 rup: 10 ans ℔ peece in Cassambuz^r^ as before Noated in bookes G: fol 17 the said Sorts [*a few words lost*] but rupees 3¼ ru ℔ peece And Soe y^e^ 150 peeces are Overrated 1: 14 ans ℔ peece is rũ 281: 4 an & y^e^ 300 peeces rup^s^ 1: 6 anos ℔ peece or rups [213½ Soe] y^e^ principall Overrate is Rupees ... ... ... ... ... 69[3 ,, 12]

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Quicksilver in Truck for these Taffataies were delivered at rū 3 ℔ Seere.

11. Saltpeetre is Charged to Cash for 165 Maunds Twice boyled at rup̃ 2: an 4: ℔ maund The Compas twice boyled peetre at Pattana: bookes N° 9 Dost but about 1 rū ℔ Maund, but allowing 1 rū 8 an̄ ℔ Maund cleare of all Charges to Hughly, Soe ye above-menconed peetre is overrated. ¾ rup̃ ℔ Maund or rups 1[2]3: 12 an̄ And further at this time ye Company had noe occasion for Saltpeetre, there being Soe great a quantity remayning at Hughly & Ballasore ye Overrate is ... ... ... ... ... Rup 1 [2] 3: **12:**

13. Cash hath Dreditt by Charges Gennerall allowed Thomas Pratt for his stay and Demorage of a Vessell 40 Dayes, There was noe reason for this allowance, for in fol̃ 7 of this Journall it is there menconed that hee was then discharged ... ... ... ... ... Rupees 200: „ —

14. Cash hath Dreditt by Thomas Pratt his Accompt of time for rups 1500—menconed to bee formerly Lent him at Interest at his proceeding to Decca And Afterwards in fol̃ 30 of this Journall Thomas Pratts Acco[t] time hath Dreditt by Thomas Pratt without paying ye Money, To this I answer that if ye [said] Money had bin really lent for ye Compas Service or with ye advice of Councell, it would have bin Charged when Lent and not sometime after it was Noated yt hee was discharged ye Compas service or at least before ye time of his flight & ye Nabobs Seizure of his Estate Soe yt in all reason Mr Blake ought to repay this Money principall as beforemenconed is ... ... ... ... Rup 1500 „ —

15. Cash hath Dreditt by Presents rū 400 Said to bee given Vidzt rū 200 in Severalls but what these Severalls are is not mentioned, & for ye other 200 rups noe mencon is made whither in Specie or not Rup **400: —**

17. Cash hath Dreditt by Pro[ffitt &] Losse rupees 595:— said to bee Exacted by ye Nabobs [Officers on accot Rent of Bandur & Gurhattee] ye sd Townes—being ruined [*a few words lost*][fflood & ye] Tennants not able to pay these Rents. To [no]thing ye [Acceptance of these Townes & payment] of this Money (if any such [thing] was) [Doncernes only Mr Blake to allow] & not ye Compa ... ... ... ... ... rū 595 „ —

Bandure & Gurhattee Tow[nes abovemenconed hath Creditt] by Proffitt & Loss Rup 334: —The Inhabitants being sd to bee und[one through ye bad] Government of ye Nabob These Townes Originally beeing brought to accot in [*a few words lost*] good Debts without any reason given for the sa[me but] [*a few words lost*] [in by] Mr Blake to Secure his owne ℔ticular Debt.

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17. Therefore this & all other Losses ariseing by these & other Townes ought to bee made good by him, as also Interest for ye whole Debts of sd Townes from ye time they are brought to accot: but ye Credditt cleared by proffitt & Loss in this parcell as beforemenconed is ... ... ... ... ... ... Rups 334. „ 00:

18. Bullion hath Creditt by Cash Rups 2649: 04 an said to bee Sold ye 4th Novembr. And yett it is not brought to accot untill ye pro May neere 6 Mos after Sold Soe yt by this abuse of Selling Silver & other goods & not bringing ye Money to accot in a Ꝺonsiderable time after Ꝺauseth a Ꝺonsiderable Ꝺharge of Interest to bee placed to accot in ye bookes, but of this more hereafter.

20. Narrandas deceased hath Ꝺreditt by Charges Gennerall for wages from ye Month of Novembr 1665 to March 1667 rups 784:—but upon what ground or reason this Wages is brought to Accot is not mentioned, and in regard noe such allowance ought to bee made ye sd Narrandas Mr Blake to repay the same ... Rup. 784. „ 00:

20. John March hath Ꝺreditt by House of George Everards for fitting & finishing of sd house for accomodacon of Mr Blakes famuly, and House of George Everards is afterwards cleared by Charges Generall, Mr Blake had noe good reason for putting this Ꝺharge upon ye Company there being Sufficient accomodacon for him in their owne house unless for ye more private Ꝺarrying on of his Ꝑticuler Trade and other Matters to ye Compa Damage ye Charge brougt to accot in this Ꝑcell is ... ... ... ... ... rup. 162: 14½

21. Cash hath Ꝺreditt by accot Interest Rup 157: 8 an allowed after ye Rate of 18 Ꝑ Ꝺt Ꝑ an This Interest ought not to bee allowed for ye Reasons sett forth in fol 18 But allowing 9 Ꝑ Ꝺent Ꝑ an according to ye rate Mr Blake paid, And about this time Mr Blake & others lett out their owne Money to ye Comander of ye Greyhound at 12 Ꝑ Ꝺent Ꝑ an soe yt reaconing 9 Ꝑ Ꝺt according to ye rate Mr Blake pd as aforesd ye Qvercharge is rup ... ... ... ... ... 78 „ 12:

21. Cash hath Creditt by proffit & Losse Rup 323:—for Interest allowed Iogo De Matto for 2000 rup at 18 Ꝑ Ꝺent Ꝑ an from 15o June to ye 8 May To this I answer, that in ye following Bookes H this 2000 rup is not brought to accot or made Received of ye sd Iago untill ye last of August from wch: time to ye 8th May at 9 Ꝑ Ꝺent, allowing ye sd 2000 ru to bee regulerly taken up amount but unto rup 122 [: 2] ans Soe ye [Ov]ercharge is ... ... ... ... ... ... Rups 201 „ —

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22. Gomorpore Townes hath ℔reditt by [prof]fitt & Losse rup[s] [*figure lost*] sd to bee lost by sd Townes this M[r] Blake to [*a word or two lost*] for y[e] [reasons a before menconed] folio 17 ... ... ... Rupees. 20 „ —

23. Cash hath Creditt by [prof]fitt & Losse [*a word or two lost*] [Rup[s]] 77 vidz[t]: 1000 rup of [Hiddo Malleek for 5 dayes] [*a line lost*] [ru] 77 : 00 [at 9 ℔ ℔ent is] [*a line lost*] ... ... ... ... ... ... 38: 80

Overcharged [*figures lost*]

1000 ru[p] [*a few words lost*] [Jago De Matto for Interest for 6 mo : days] [*figures lost*] [y[e] Money was brought to acco[t]][but p[o] May Soe due but for] [*a few words lost*] [$\frac{1}{10}$ at 9 ℔ ℔ent is] [*figures lost*] . [Ru 15 „] [12]

Overcharged rupees [*figures lost*]

Soe y[e] Overrate in these two parcells amount to ru[pees] 122 „ [12]

25. Cash hath ℔reditt by Iron Rup[s] 24 Soe much Sd to bee formerly ℔harged more then recd for 37¾ Maunds, Upon Examinacon I finde noe Such parcell in these or y[e] former bookes, Soe this Mistake to bee made good by M[r] Blake ... ... ... ... ... Rup[s]. 24 „ 00

25. Cash hath Creditt by Proffitt & Losse for Interest Vidz[t] allowed Jogo De Matto Int[t]. of ru 1000 for 6 mos 11 days : rupees: 100 : 00 :
allowed ditto for Interest of
1000 rupees more rũ 95 : —
195 : 00 :

To this I answer y[t] there is only 4 mos : 11 days : due for y[e] form[r]. 1000 rũ (being recd ℔[o] May & pd 12 7b[r] following) w[ch] at 9 ℔ ℔[t] ℔ an is rup 32 : 12 an And as touching y[e] latter 1000 rũ noe such Money was borrowed Neither hath he Cred[tt] in acco[t] for y[e] same 32 : 12 :

Soe y[e] overcharge in y[e] two ℔cells abovemenconed. 162 : 04 .

Allowed Hiddo Maleek for Inter 1500 ru for 7 Moths : 11 days :
rũ. 165 : 14.

Interest of Ditto at 9 ℔ ℔ent is rũ ru 82 : 14

Overcharged rupees 82 : 14 :

Allowed Burmull for Inter 2000 ru for 2 mos : 10 days : rup 46 : 11

Interest of Ditto at 9 ℔ ℔ent is rũ 35 : —

Overcharged rupees 11 : 11 :

in all rupees 256 : 13 :

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Allowed & made good in acco$^{t}$ in fol 26 for an Error ... ... ru 100 : —

156 : 13

29. Cash hath Dreditt by Proffitt & Losse pd Hiddo Maleek for Interest of 500 ru 10 Mo$^{ths}$ : at [18] P Dent ... ... ru 75 : — :
Interest of Ditto at 9 P Den$^{t}$ is but ... rup 37 : 8 :
Overcharged ... ... 37 : 08

194 „ 05 :

30. Agazad hath Dreditt by proffitt & Losse rup 85 : 8 an for 4 Gunns of his Said to bee borrowed in an$^{o}$ 1664 for y$^{e}$ use of y$^{e}$ Madrass : Pinace and throwne overboard in a Storme To This I answere y$^{t}$ if there was really such a Losse (and hee not recompensed some other way) then it ought to have bin brought to account before y$^{e}$ yeare 1667 Soe this parcell to bee further Examined wheither y$^{e}$ sd Gunns were really borrowed for y$^{e}$ Comp$^{as}$ Accomp$^{t}$ or M$^{r}$ Blakes Pt[icul]er o[casions am$^{o}$ to rupees] ... ... ru 85 : 08 :

32. Thomas P[ratt] his account of [*a word or two lost*] hath Dreditt by Province of Bengall Rup$^{s}$ 1536 : 01 an for severall Pticulers of his said to bee Seized for y$^{e}$ K[ings] [*a word or two lost*] why y$^{e}$ [sd P]ratts accompt of time should have D[*portion of a line lost*] [province of Bengall Charged] for y$^{e}$ Same is not well [to be understood unless M$^{r}$ Blake did de]signe it [*a few words lost*] [y$^{t}$ Soe much Money was really] due to y$^{e}$ said Pratt on his [Acc$^{t}$] [*a few words lost*] [time to Extinguish y$^{e}$ Pra [*a few words lost*] Debt on his Acco$^{t}$ propper [for what due from him or rather M$^{r}$ W$^{m}$ Blake] as [before] [*a few words lost*] tt hath Soe this [*a few words lost*] drawne off That y$^{e}$ sd [*a few words lost*] may not have Creditt or accasion a difference betweene Or accasion a difference betweene his relacons & y$^{e}$ Compa when noe such thing is due to him Neither is it reguler [that such Matters of Pticul$^{r}$] persons should bee brought into y$^{e}$ Comp$^{as}$ bookes ... ... ... ... ... Rupees [1]536 „ 01

33. Cash hath Dreditt by Proffitt [&] Losse rup$^{s}$ 350 : for Interest of ru 5000. for 7m$^{os}$ at 1 P D$^{t}$ but allowing 9 [P Dent] Pan am$^{o}$ to Rupees 263 : 8 [an] Soe the Over Charge is ... ... ... ... Rup$^{s}$ 87 „ 08 :

35. James Price hath Dreditt [*a few words lost*] [Charges Generall for severall Expenses] in procuring phirmaunds, and makeing Domplaints against y$^{e}$ Dutch Rup$^{s}$ 1129 :— what Orders or Direccons [*a few words lost*] [Douncell Doncurrent with those of M$^{r}$ Blake, for y$^{e}$ sd M$^{r}$ Prices Dontinuance ther &] [*portion of a line lost*], of this Expence, And what

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perticular [*portion of a line lost*] or phirmaun[d] [*portion of a line lost*] [cured (for I finde none) for this Money. ... ... ... ... [Rup$^{s}$] [1]129 „ 00

37. Jerome Maleek hath ℔reditt by [proffitt & Losse] rup$^{s}$ [122 :] 4 a̅n [*a few words lost*] of Money said to bee borrowed of Mudd[un] Ma[leek ;] To this I [answere] upon Examina̅con I doe not finde any Monies to bee [*a few words lost*] Muddam ; neither hath hee any Acco$^{ts}$ in those bookes, S[oe] y$^{e}$ [*a few words lost*] Rups. 122 „ Ano̅s. 04.

Ditto Jerom Maleek hath Creditt by Thomas Pratt rup$^{s}$ [113 : 10 an sd] to bee formerly Expended on his Vessell ; If this Money was really thus expended (although its much to bee feared) y$^{e}$ Said Pr[att] [being] run away from y$^{e}$ Nabo̅bs Service, & therefore now ℔[harge]d to y$^{e}$ his Acco$^{t}$, yett it noewayes ℔oncernes y$^{e}$ Company to allo[w] [for y$^{e}$] [*a word or two lost*] in regard y$^{e}$ sd boate was Seized for y$^{e}$ King of India [& not applyed] to y$^{e}$ Comp$^{as}$ use ... Rup$^{s}$ 113 „ 10

38. Cash hath ℔reditt by House of George Everards p̅d on accom[p$^{t}$ of Rent] this noe wayes ℔oncernes y$^{e}$ Company to allow in [reguard y$^{e}$ sd house] was taken for M$^{r}$ Blakes ℔ticuler occasions ... ... Rup$^{s}$ „ 200 „

40. Timbers hath ℔reditt by Charges Gennerall Rup$^{s}$ 100 for 50 Timbers given Jerom Maleek to Rebuild his House, The Building of his House ℔oncerned not y$^{e}$ Company, And these Timbers being thus given by M$^{r}$ Blake he ought to Sattisfy for them according to their reall vallue being at least 60 ru ℔ ℔orge as usually Sold am$^{o}$ to rup .. ... ... ... „ 150 „ —

EXPENCES BROUG$^{T}$ TO ACCO$^{T}$ DURRING YE CONTINUANCE OF THESE : BOOKES : BEING 2 YEARES 2 M$^{os}$

40. Presents given away Including rup$^{s}$ 6000 for y$^{e}$ an̅uall allowance of r̅u [*figures lost*] ru 3000 to y$^{e}$ Govern$^{or}$ of Hughly or rather y$^{e}$ King of India rup$^{s}$ 11218 : 04 Charges Diett Spent .. ... Ru 3,507 : 05¼

—Charges Gennerall—y$^{e}$ foote of that acco$^{t}$ over & above what Charged in Journall folio 40. 21842 : 02[¼] ——— [365]67 : „ 11¼

Rup 36567 : 11½ a$^{ns}$ at 2s 6$^{d}$ ℔ rupee am$^{o}$ to £ 4570 : 19 : 04.

43. Harrichurne hath ℔reditt [by] Charges Gennerall Rup$^{s}$ 90 for 6 m$^{os}$ : wages : 9$^{r}$ for what [reason or Service] this allowance was made there being noe Necessity for y$^{e}$ Same ... ... ... ... ... ... Rup$^{s}$ 90 „ —

HUGHLY & [BALLA]SORE B[OOKES] K BEGINING Y$^{E}$ P$^{R}$ No[v]EM[B$^{R}$] 1668 AND ENDING THE 31TH MARCH 1669 M$^{R}$. W$^{M}$ BLAKE CHEIFE

3. James Price hath ℔reditt by ℔harges Gennerall for 4 m$^{os}$ wages rup 160 : and rup 700 for a Phirmaund to ℔leare them of all Customes, which y$^{e}$ Nabob ordered to bee Exacted, I finde noe ℔onsulta̅on for payment

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of this wages or allowing rup 700 for procuring a New Phirmaund, Soe y^t untill better Sattisfaccon bee given [as to] y^e Necessity & pay[ment] [of this Mon]ey it ought not to bee [allowed.] Rup 860 „ —

4. C[ash hath] ℔reditt [by acco^t freight] paid in part for two porgoes lading [*a few words lost*] y 200[0] [Maunds] [*a few words lost*] 10 a^ns ℔ Maund q^r if this Saltpeetre was [*a word or two lost*] from Hughly to [Ballasore or] from Ballasore to y^e Coast of [*a word or two lost*]

5. [*A few words lost*] Porgoes [hath] ℔[reditt] by Saltpeetre for 38 Maunds Bal[lasore] [*a few words lost*] ru ℔ [M^d but] allowing 1¾ rup^s ℔ Mau^d, which is more then [*a few words lost*] w^th y^e Charges from thence to Hughly.

13. Nul[*a word or two lost*] hath ℔reditt by 600 M^ds : Trebble refined Peetre at r[up^s] [4¼] ℔ M^d There was noe occasion for buying this Saltpeetre But allowing 2 rup ℔ M^d which is More then it will cost from Pattana [w^th all] Charges, it is Overcharged or at best an unnecessary charge of 2¼ rup^s ℔ Maund w^ch am^o to ... ... ... ... Rup^s 1350 „ —

A[*a few letters lost*] [Porg]oes hath ℔reditt by Saltpeetre rup^s 1158 : 13 an^s for Maunds 485 : Srs. 35 of [Peetre], but allowing 1¾ rup ℔ Maund it amo^ts to ru 850 : 4½ Soe y^e Company pay an Extraordinary rate of Rup^s 308 „ 08½

14. [Moh]butt Caune hath ℔reditt by Saltpeetre vidz^t Maunds [482 :] sr 28 Trebble Refined Peetree at 4 ru. ℔ Md rup^s 1930 12¾ :
At 2 rup^s ℔ Maund it will amo^t to but rupees 965 : 6¼

Rated at More then Cost from Pattana 965 : 06½
931 Maunds Twice boyled Peetre at ru 3 : 4 an ℔ Maund amo^ts to ru 3025 : an 12 :
Ditto at ru 1¾ ℔ Maund amo^ts to but rup 1629 : 4 :

1396 : 08

These two parcells ℔ost more then it might have bin bo^t for at Pattna ru 236[2] „ 1[4]½

16. Cash hath ℔reditt by acco^tt Sallary where amongst y^e ffactors wages is ℔rowded in rup^s 75 Said to bee paid Herrechurne (a Native of y^e Cuntry) for 5 Months Sallary This y^e Company ought not to bee ℔harged with rup^s 75 „ 0(

—Cash hath Creditt by House of George Everards rup^s 100 for 5 m^os Rent [for M^r.] Blake, also in fol 4 is ℔harged rup 17 : ans 8 all which y^e said M^r Blake ought to make Sattisfaccion for rup 117 „ (

HUGHLY & BALLASORE BOOKES K--*cont.*

16. Cash hath ℔reditt by Charges Gennera[ll] for 5 m° Sallary paid to Parbooty [rũ 50 which y^e^ Company ought not to bee Charged with also ru 50 sd to bee paid y^e^ Country Doctor for Physick for M^r^ Blake which is togeither] 100 „ 00 :

16. Saltpeetre hath Creditt by proffitt & Losse for 301 Mds : Sr 15½ sd to bee lost by long lying in Thatcht Warehouses q^r^ why this Loss should bee Charged in regard every Individuall bagg of Peetre, upon its receipt is broug^t^ to account to q^t^ 2 M^ds^ And upon sending sd Peetre for y^e^ fort or England each bagg is Invoyced to q^t^ 2 Maunds as brought to accompt aforesd Soe y^t^ unless there had bin áreall want in y^e^ Number of baggs of Peetre, there is no reason for this ℔harge, But that on y^e^ Contrary M^r^ Blake ought to Sattisfy for y Same in regard hee Intrus[te]d y^e^ Natives of y^e^ Country with y^e^ Comp^as^ Warehouse contrary to ord^r^ : y^e^ Losse cleared as above amo^ts^ to Rup 620 : 02¾

18. Chim Cham hath ℔reditt by Account Interest Rup^s^ 1417: 08 an at 1 £ ℔ ℔ent ℔ m° This ought not to bee allowed in regard y^e^ sd Chim Cham &^c^ were Indebited to y^e^ Compa a ℔onsiderable Sume of Money a great part of y^e^ time for which hee is allowed this Interest, and yett hee allowes noe Interest. And further there was noe reason for allowing 18 ℔ ℔ent ℔ ãn when M^r^ Blake paid but 9 ℔ ℔ent Soe y^t^ allowing Interest to bee regularly due yett y^e^ Overcharge is Rup 708 „ 12 :

18. q^r^ Why M^r^ Thomas Stiles should be allowed rup 368 : 8 ãn for Interest being after y^e^ rate of 18 ℔ ℔ent ℔ ãnn when y^e^ Natives Lett out their Money at 9 ℔ ℔ent but how ever allowing him 12 ℔ ℔ent hee ought to repay ... ... Rup 120 „ 08 :

EXPENCES BROUG^T^ TO ACC^T^ DURRING Y^E^ CONTINUANCE OF THESE BOOKES BEING 5 M^os^ VIZ^T^.

18. Charges Dyett ... ... ... ... Rupees 700 09 ãn
—Presents Rup^s^ 600 : 08 :
—Charges Gennerall Servants wages &^c^ ru 5351 : 11

—Rupees 6652 : 12 :

Rupees 6652 : 12 an^s^ at 2 sh : 6 ℔ rup am^o^ to £ 831 11^sh.^ : 10^d.^

Interest Brought to accompt over & above what before mencõned allowed unto Chim Cham & M^r^ Thomas Stiles Rup^s^ 4361 : after y^e^ rate of 15 ℔ ℔ent ℔ ann to 24 ℔ ℔ent ℔ ann but allowing [*Lacuna in the original*] ℔ ℔^t^ y^e^ Overrate in this ℔ cell is Rupees : [*Lacuna in the original*]

Februa 22^th^ 1670/71

HUMP : EDWIN Aud^r^

## COPY OF THE COMPANIE'S LETTER TO FORT ST. GEORGE No. (3)

## 8 JANUARY 1674

OUR AGENT & COUNCELL
AT FORT ST. GEORGE.

London the 8th January 1674

Wee haveing received a L̃re from Verona without date which wee had from M^r George ffoxcroft about the 9175 Pago^s: and forasmuch as you have often hinted that hee expected some sattisfaction for the same wee have therefore taken it into serious consideracon and have examined M^r Jeremy Sambrooke & taken knowledge of Severall papers relateing to the same And wee finde by a L̃re from S^r Edward Winter & Councell dated 29 January 1663 y^t pago^s: 9000 was abated the Merchants upon y^e price of the Clo[th] that M^r Blake contracted for the last yeare before But by ffort S^t George bookes Journall folio 39 under date of y^e 15^o November 1663 Tymona &c Merch^ts: are charged w^th pago^s: 7000 and the Comp^a: Credited for no more, the other pago^s: 2000 is by the same L̃re said to be expended in peons wages extraordinary a method of accompting very unwarrantable an[d] unjust & not to be practized, Wee finde likewise by a L̃re from M^r Dawes upon y^e place that Tymona &c did take advantage of the rawness of the Comp^a: ffactors being new come o[ut] and unknowing in that affaire to make y^m contract and pay more for goods then they were really worth and much more then the said Tymona &c paid to other of the Merch^ts: w^ch abuse offered in S^r Edward Winters absence togeather with the goods proveing worse y^n Musters might upon S^r Edward Winters returne from Mesulapatan be y^e cause of the s^d abatem^t Wee did alsoe ℔ L̃re: dated 16^th December 1663 complaine of y^e ill condicon and sorting of the said cloth and that in y^e Sale of some part thereof wee were like to loose about 500^li and therefo[re] ordered the said loss should be demanded of Tymona And S^r Edward Winter in a L̃re dated 10^th January 166¾ promiseth y^t Tymona should make us Sattisfaction for y^e dress and true packing of that yeares Cloth That yeares packing being managed onely by y^e S[d] Tymona the surcharge one [*Sic*] the package was ½ pagotha ℔ bale And by L̃re from S^r Edw[ard] Winter dated 12^th January 167¾ in answer to y^e Companies said demands from Tymonah they alleadged that 9000 Pago^s: was already deducted out of that yeares Cloth. And Tymonah alsoe entreats that no further loss be putt upon him Wee likewise find that Tymona and Verona in S^r Edward Winters time did much abuse the Comp^a: insomu[ch] that M^r Jeremy Sambrooke wrote the Comp^a: in his L̃re of 28^th of October 1665 y^t he doubted not to make out that Tymona & Verona had injured us to y^e amount [of] 200000 and that he was offered by the said Tymona 5000 pago^s: ℔ annum &c. to releas[e] out of prison and help him to his imploiment againe and hee doubted not but Tym[ona] and Verona would proffer the like consideracon to Agent ffoxcroft as they did S^r Ed[ward] Winter And alsoe by L̃res from M^r ffoxcroft and M^r Sambrooke it appears that Tymona and Verona were S^r Edwards greate instruments and gave greate piscaches for the betraying the ffort to S^r Edward that thereby the sa[id] Tymona and Verona might be cleared out of prison and freed from our just demands And lastly forasmuch as the a[cc^t] of Tymona & Comp^a: was stated by S^r Edward Winter upon the place about tenn year[es] since and the abatement made by him (who justifies it duely abated) And they the said Tymona & Verona received afterward and continued in the imploiment about 5 yea[res] under S^r Edward without [any] demand of this or any other Summe upon this [acco^t:] nor any mention made thereof but as aforesaid till Anno 1669 a year after y^e rendition [of] the ffort and Tymonahs &c readmision into y^e Companies Service and then by Verona onely after Tymonahs decease as by th[eir Lre dated] 27 [Oct]ober 16[69] appeareth.

## *COMPA^AY: GENER^LL TO Y^E FFORT, 1675, 24 DEC^R.

OUR AGENT & COUNCELL
AT FORT S^T GEORGE. London 24^th December 1675.

Our last to yo^u was dated y^e 17^th of August past over land transcripts of w^ch we herew^th. Send yo^u to which we doe refer yo^u And now come to give Answare [to yo^ur] [Lres] 20^th of November 1° Decemb^r 8^th 12–14–15. 16 [and 18^th] January 1674 Received by our Ships Phenix Lanca [ster] Loyall Merchant whom it pleased God to arive to us in safety in the month of July last. In our Letters by [the ships] and the afores^d Letter overland we wrot yo^u fully of what then offered and gave yo^u perticuler direct[ions for car] riing on our affaires w^th w^ch we expect yo^r compl[iance] esspecially that yo^u have beene carefull in the timely dispatch of our Ships and that our Goods may have beene Substan[cially] & well sorted according to our directions often given yo^u. Goods to be well sorted Ships timely dispatched.

2. We observe that yo^u had some hopes of procuring Sa[tisfaction] from the Duch for the fine boates going from Metch[lepatan] which could yo^u obteyne we should looke upon of [great] service esspecially in the consequence of it, and [therefore] would have you prosec[ut] it So long as yo^u have any [probabilities] of bringing it to a good Issue. [Hope] Satisfaction may [be obtained] for the [boats from] Metchchlepm [taken by] the Dutch

3. We observe the Treaty that have passed between [the Cawn] of Chengi and yo^u and agree with yo^u thereupon. [approve] the treaty w^th the Cawn of Chingie

4. We doe grant yo^r desire in behalfe of M^r Patrick W[arner] that he shall have 50^ll ℔ Anñ Sallery and 50^ll ℔ [ann] Gratuity to begin from the time of his entertain[ment] and to be paid him in the Country and are very glad soe well supply'd and pray God to give a Blessing his Labours, and having understood that M^r Warne[r] not intend to remain Long in the Country We [have] entertain'd M^r Rich: Portman to be our Chaplaine [ at the ] Fort at the rate of 50^ll ℔ Anñ Salery [and] 50^ll ℔ Anñ Gratuitie to be paid him in the Country [But if Mr.] Warner shal desire to stay yo^u may w^th [ . . . ] [Mechlepotam]. [salary] £ 50 ℔ an & £ 50 [anñ] [fro]m y^e time [ . . . ]

[*a line or two lost*] but if his Conversation be Blameless and that M^r Warner stayes in the Country Whereby the Fort and Metchlepatam will be supplyed w^th 2 Able men Then that M^r Whitehead be removed to the Fort to Assist our Chaplaine there in the duties of prayer and Catechising and to be a Scholemaster alsoe for the education of Children. Herew^th yo^u have a Catalogue of Such Bookes as were desired by M^r Portman to be provaided w^ch we send as an Addition to our Library and in regard we find every Chaplaine we send is desirous of an Addition and that we have noe perfect list here we doe require yo^u by the returne of these Ships. to send us a ℔fect catalogue of al our Bookes Both w^th yo^u. Metchlep^a and the Bay. [ . . . ] [of the] [ . . . ] [Portman] [ . . . ] [uire al] [ . . . ] [that] [ . . . ]

6. We have againe seriously considered what yo^u. write about keeping of a publique Table and we doe adjudge it both most honourable and convenient to have it maintayn'd And the sitting of the Youths at the same table w^th yo^u. can noe way abridge yo^u of any freedome, And at Suratt & Bombay our president practises the same and we are sure it will be of great advantage to the Youths by enjoying Soe good an example and preventing them from keeping ill Company. [ . . . ] able to be [ . . . ], adjudge [ . . . ] Councill of [ . . . ]

7. We take notice of the Excuse yo^u. make of not Sending of Stock this yeare to Metchlep^a. w^ch we esteeme to be very Slight and is much to our prejudice for the Goods we had [ . . . ] from thence were Very necessary to Asort our other Go[ods] would have procured a very good Advantage for us.

8. We have formerly writ you that the Goods from the Fort [was] neer 20 ℔ D^t. dearer then those from Metchlep^a. and [you] might have sent some from the Fort to have joyn'd [to] those of Metchlep^a. whom yo^u could have trusted [ . . . ] made that investment: But by this course yo^u. have taken yo^u. have continued our Charge and kept our Servants there w^th our imployments. and given the Duch a faire oppertunitie to gaine Advantage upon us in that trade for the future And we

* The first portion of this letter is in a dilapidated state. Dots within square brackets represent word or words lost.

have observed that our Agent and Councell at the Fort both now and formerly have had an Aversion for that place But [ . . . ] to in courage it w^ch^ we would have yo^u^ observe and doe hope [ . . . ] have made a true investment there according to our [ . . . ] the last years shipping.

[ . . . ] to the Charge against M^r^ Mohune we have ꝑused the [ . . . ]ent us and doo [order that M^r^ Mohune be discharged] [*portion of a line lost*] [trivall of these] [*portion of a line lost*] and money of ours w^ch^ they charge him to make use of and [that by others we are informed] [ . . . ] is a great trade driven by them & [others our Facto^rs^] at Mechlepotam in calicoes to the South Sea and other places contrary to our express orders and their [Covenants] [and] doe require yo^u^ that there be a through and strict [Examination] made and that we may have a full and perfect [ . . . ] though we hope it will already have been done by M^r^ Puckle [ . . . ] whom we sent by the last years Ships to that end.

The [Over]rate of the Coffee yo^u^ must take care it may be [made Good] to our Acco^t^

[*Marginal note lost.*] [10. We noate] y^e^ Sale of all our Europe Goods and doe recommend to yo^u^ to use yo^r^ utmost endeavours to augment what [possibly yo^u^] can the vent of our Wollen Manufacturs and [ . . . ] Selling of it cheap will be a means effectually to [ . . . ] [that end] we give yo^u^ Liberty therein.

[*Marginal note lost.*] [11]. Yo^u^ complaine of Some of our Cloths to be full of Moths [and] white Ants. At any time when yo^u^ find any Such or any defects in our Goods we would have yo^u^ give us the Numbers [ . . . ] [of our] peeces and Bales that we may find out whet [ . . . ] was in the Maker or Workman And we would have yo^u^ [ . . . ] [the] Numbers of such clothes as are best Liked.

[12] In our Letters by the last years shiping We blamed yo^u^ for [not] Sending home M^r^ Jearseys accounts and yo^u^ have cause [to] blame yo^u^ for this still. we have formerly given yo^u^ di[rec]tions how to proseede in order to his returne home w^ch^ wee [ dir]ect should be performed he hath Staid longer there then [the] time he first desired.

[13] As to Jn^o^ Crandon weare Sorry to find yo^r^ continued com[pla]ints concerning him; for having been Long in our Service [we] would have yo^u^ proseede [w^th^ all] tenderness [ . . . ] by any means [rec you^r^] [ . . . ] [Let] him be continued in [our] Service, if not [let him be sent] [ . . . ] [but what you doe] [ . . . ] let it be [by service by] [ . . . ] [for if he be viti] [ . . . ] remaine [there out of] [ . . . ] [doe others] [ . . . ] [make him pay,] And make good to our Account And yo^u^ [ . . . ] to Suffer him and [ . . . ] [to preserve in] Such irr[ . . . ] tings, For we find it is a common [pra]actise for him [all] of our Servants there to buy Goods and in Paym^t^ force [ . . . ] upon them w^ch^ they know is Contrary to our Orders as [Mr.] John Davis did buy Goods Woolters a Mate in the [ . . . ] and forced him to take his payment in 68 p[eeces] of [Salampores] and 30 parcls of Morees the Stated dam[ages of] which [amount] to 49 Sterling which we have placed [to the S^d^] da[mages] and yo^u^ are to take notice thereof [when yo^u^ come] [ . . . ] that part of his Sallery w^ch^ is to be p[aid] [there, And let] [ . . . ] and al others know y^t^ if they proseed[e in Such irregular actions] we Shall judge y^m^ not fit for ou[r Service] [ . . . ] mand them home And that yo^u^ may [see] [ . . . ] this Wee herewith Send yo^u^ a Coppy of a [ . . . ] by the said Woolters who now goes mate in the [ . . . ] Merchant.

[Davis forced [ . . . ] fort here have charged £49 J Davis his Acct

[Fra]ncis Langstons [ . . . ] to be sent ym home

15. We ordered y^t^ a due Acc^t^ & returne Should [be] [ . . . ] Francis Langstons Estate and yo^u^ tel us it will [be] for from Metchlep^a^ w^ch^ look upon as a very slight [ . . . ] As if when we require yo^u^ to see it done [ . . . ] to shift it of to others, when, were our [rules] [ . . . ] coppies of the deceased wills & inventories [ . . . ] care taken that of their estates were recovere[d] [ . . . ] our Cash Yo^u^ nor we Should not be troubled [a]bout things of this nature. Therefore we re[quire] care that our Orders referring [to] the dec[eased] [ . . . ] be better observed for the future.

16. And now we are upon this Subject [ . . . ] [John Necholas's Death] an Inventory was [ . . . ] [and a receipt hath been] produced to us [ . . . ] money sign[ed] by [Rece]ived and yet [ . . . ] [brought to our Acc$^{t}$ in the] Books We doe the [ . . . ] [that Nicho]las's estate [ . . . ] [and his Acc$^{t}$] sent [ . . . ] There that none be Sent hence to presede them Yo$^{u}$ are to take notice when we Send any hence they are to take place after those that are already there of the same Rank. Of John [ . . . ] to their Acct

18. As to Tho: Lucas we are not at all Satisffed w$^{th}$ yo$^{r}$ procedings therein Nor why yo$^{u}$ should discharge Benj$^{a}$ Broomer and Phillip Noden that went out as Soldiers in the years 1672 and 1674 from being Soldiers and we are informed that they only made that a ℔tence to get out from hence And being resolved what in us lies to discourage al such designes doe positively require yo$^{u}$ to take effectuall care that Tho: Lucas Benj$^{a}$ Broomer & Phillip Noden be sent home by these Ships and alsoe that yo$^{u}$ take care that al others that goe hence as Soldiers be continued as such and put into noe other employm$^{t}$ during their Covenanted time [as] alsoe immediately return them for England. [Phillip] [Broomer]

19. The recommendacon yo$^{u}$ give of Henry Carpenter Thomas Pace & John Byam is observed by us and by the Settlement made last yeare yo$^{u}$ will find a provision for them and al others in our Service that doe deserve it. We doe approve of Jn$^{o}$ Nicks his being Secretary and continue him in that imploym$^{t}$ as Long as he behaves himselfe well.

20. We haye this year made Some Alterations in our Charterparties and indulgences w$^{ch}$ we would have yo$^{u}$ to perusé and See that the Command$^{rs}$ of our Ships observe what they are Obleiged to, and [y$^{t}$] none exceede the Liberty given them by the indulgence, accordingly let every Master and Purser give yo$^{u}$ an Acc$^{t}$ what Goods and Bullion they Carry to and fro in the Country and for whose Acc$^{t}$ w$^{ch}$ signe and send us home.

21. The Consideration of the Hazards we run of [having our seal] made use of for the private Occations of perticular per[sons has] made us resolve what it shall bee no longer trusted in any one hand: But that it shall be kept Lockt up in a box w$^{th}$ three Locks the Keys of w$^{ch}$ are to remaine in the hands of the Agent at the Fort the Cheef at Mecthlep$^{a}$ [*Sic*] and the Cheef of the Bay and the two next of the Councell resident in each place [ . . . ] the s$^{d}$ Seal be not affixed to any writing whereby the [ . . . ] may be Obleiged but in Open Councell which is but w[hat we] our Selves and most of the Corporations in London doe observe And to this end we Send three boxes w$^{th}$ three severall Locks & Keys to each, one for yo$^{u}$ at the Fort the other yo$^{u}$ are to send to Mecthlep$^{a}$ & the Bay w$^{th}$our Advises thereon.

[22.] We have received the Muster R[oll of the seamen] [ . . . ] and doe require yo$^{u}$ to Muster [al Ships at their] [ . . . ] and dispatch and to take [perticular] [*half a line lost*] Qualities but except yo$^{u}$ are more carefull in the fu[ture then yo$^{u}$ have] been this yeare it will be a Needless work For [ . . . ] stead of sending trusty persons aboard Shipp to Muster [ . . . ] were Satisfied w$^{th}$ the Mess Book as in perticuler th[e] [Lancaster] who instead of his Carpenter and 3 Seamen more w$^{ch}$ [he left w$^{th}$] you and at Mecthlep$^{a}$ made up his number w$^{th}$ [M$^{r}$] [ . . . ] and his Black Boy M$^{r}$ Arnald and his Purser Bro[un] Boy. And we suppose noe greater care was taken in the servey of their want of Tonage For, when the shipps came ho[me] there appeared noe great signe that there wanted w$^{th}$ yo$^{u}$. [And] therefore for the Future when the Commanders doe ℔r tend [want] of Tonage we order y$^{t}$ you Send ℔sons able to judge w$^{th}$ respect to the jocundness of their ships & keeping their Gunns m[ounted] and cleare, and this servey not to be made till al [their owne] goods and provissions are aboard and the ships ready to saile And note that now the 5 ℔ ℐt granted to the Owners and [Seamen] is part of the Tonage let in Charterparty w$^{ch}$ we are [ . . . ] [bound] to Lade And yo$^{u}$ are not to load any more Goods [upon the] ship then we are bound to by Charter party ex[cept] yo$^{u}$ have an Overplus of such Goods as we have [ . . . ] and that it may be done w$^{th}$out pestering the ship [ . . . ] And observe that clause in the Charterparties that [the Masters of] shipps are not to stow any Goods in the Great C[abbin Steer] age or beetween Deckes abaft the Main mast. [ . . . ] Mode when all their Goods & provisions [are] on board. how mus stow the Goods.

23. In the above clause we mentioned 4 of the [Lancasters] Comp[a] left behind last yeare we require [y[t]] they be al Sent home by these ships and th[at] the like practise for the future We having [ . . . ] that Some of our Owne servants have been [ . . . ] to in perticuler as to the Carpenter who we are [ . . . ] inticed to stay in the Country leaving the Shipp in [order to the] building of a ship for some of our Factory in t[he Bay &] Metchlepatam and that it is a yearly practi[ce to intice] able seamen out of our ships to serve them in t[he Country].

[ . . . ye Country

24. M[r] Joseph Arnold returns by these ships [whom we would] have yo[u] settle at Metchlepatam in the same [ . . . ] when he came from India. We have here [ . . . ] Ballance of his Acc[t] and he hath [waived] the [ . . . ] mention in yo[r] Letter and if it be unduly [Charged] (part of it) to him yo[u] may make it good to h[is Account.]

be [. . .] same [. . . from India.

25. Herewith we send yo[u.] the Article mad[e] [between us & the Duch] in relation to the East India [Affaires] [ . . . ] w[th] you Noted that Severall have Subscribed the Bay letter which were not by us appointed of Counceil of whom we take notice in ours to them.

26. As to Nathaniell Keeble he was sent out [purposely] [ . . . ] imploy'd in the Mint and we were formerly ad[vised] [ . . . ] he was unserviseable in that affaire and in regard yo[u.] give noe Account now how he is imploy'd and by what servises he may have deserved a better incouragement we leave him at his Liberty to Stay on the same termes he went out at or returne home till we receive from yo[u.] a further Acc[t.] concerning him.

27. As to y[e] Proposition made yo[u] by the Naique of Madurree we are of the same Opinion w[th] yo[u] therein.

[Approve] of the proposition made concerning [the Na]igue of Madure.

28. Upon the Commendation yo[u.] give us of M[r] Job Charnock we have resolved that for his incouragement [during his] Stay in our Service at Pattana to give him 20[ll] ℔ Ann[um] as a gratuitie to commence from the arivall of these Ships, and if any Alteration shall be made in our Factories under yo[r] Agency Some what may be done for his further advancem[t.]

[£20 gratuity to Mr. Charnock While remaines at Pattana.]

29. We have taken particuler notice of the Long Cloth N° 6 & 6 ✝ and doe find that N° 6 ✝ cost 1 sh ℔ peece more [ . . . ] N° 3 and yet are noe better and Sold for noe [more] [ . . . ] N° 3. And No: Six's Advanced in the Sale above No [ . . . ] more then the bare difference of the cost w[th] yo[u.] [ . . . ] they doe not turne to Soe Good an Acc[t.] as the Ordenary Sort. And for the two Bales of 4 thereded Ginghams they are Soe dear that they yelded here, but very little above their prime cost and Charges.

[30.] For the opening [the] Street to the Bazar [and fortifying] Caldera Point we refer to yo[u], only in the [Generall recom]mending that yo[u.] put us to noe more Charge then is Nec[essary] in order to the safety of the Place and that what yo[u.] doe there in may be done w[th] great Frugality.

31. As to the Piscash for the King of Golcundah if it [be not al]ready done We doe hope w[th] it yo[u] may obteyn [our liberty] to coyne Silver Rupees, and copper pice at the [Fort] [which] we conceive would be a great accommodation in our [trade] there of w[ch] we desire yo[u] seriously to Consi[der and if you] find it will be advantagious for us end[eavour to get] it. But in this and al other Piscashes be as sparing [as you can].

[have to obtain Liberty to coyne in Silver Rupees and copper pice at the fort if advantageous to].

As to the Death of Rugo Podax it is our desire that a Serious and strict Examination may be taken of that affaire, For where Blood is concerned we are and ought to be very ten[der] Lest we make our Selves partaker of the Guilt. And therefore till we have a particuler Acc[o] thereof we cannot give our judgm[t] nor alow of the 13000 Rupees expended on that Occation w[ch] we require may be made good to [ . . . ] M[r] Vincent till our Further order, for although we have been informed that it hath been a custom for the Chiefs of that place to use severities to those that are in our Debt thereby to Obleige them to paym[t.] yet it was alwais done in the ℔ sence of the Cheef who tooke care that it might be moderate and not thereby to give an ope[rtunitie] of revenge to the Punisht parties enemy.

[. . . . Podax Rugo [. . . . Rup 13000 require to be made good Cash by Mr.]

32. As to the Charge exhibited by M^r Hall against M^r [March] and M^r Vincent We find there was ground for it and if that business hath not been already fully examined [by M^r.] Puckle We doe require that when M^r Mas[ter] [goes downe] (of whom wee write yo^u in an after clause) [it may be ex]actly done. [Halls charge against Mr. March & Mr. Vincent] to be fully examined when [Mr. Master] goes down.

33. We are inform'd that our Factory at Cassamba[zar is Fre]quently visited by Jesuits and Romish Priests [that goe] up and downe to M^r Vincents wife and fami[ly which] we require to be wholly refrained if he stay a[nd re]main in our Service And if M^r Vincent shall [be found] to have any hand in the Death of Rugo Podar [or Accessary] thereunto or hath been unfaithfull in the dis[charge of] his trust that then he be discharged of our im[ploym^t and] sent home. [ . . . ] be guilty [. ary] death [ . . . ] full [ . . . ] be discharged.

34. As to M^r Hall we doe not find Sufficient cause [in any] of the informations given against him to [discharge him] from our Service. And therefore if you fi[nd him fit for] our imploym^t and faithfull in discharge of [his trust let him] be continued and prefered as his turn [ . . . ] to our Rules. [ . . . ] ull to his trust [ . . . ] continued.

35. What we write to yo^u. that relats to [Metchlepatam] and the Bay doe yo^u Send them Cop[pies of and direc]tions to Act accordingly. [ . . . ] [of] [ . . . ] may

36. We have often times required yo^u. and [doe now require yo^u] to send us a ꝑticuler List of al the English of what [ . . . ] sooner both in and out of our Imployment in our respective ffactories other parts w^th a perticular Account when and by what Ships they came out, their manner of living and imployment, And this we require yo^u to doe by the returne of our Ships and yearly to continue the same. [ . . . ]

37. Wee doe not finde that our printed Orders and other Rules formerly sent for the regulating our ffactories have been so punctuly observed as they ought w^ch we require may be in the future. Among other Orders that have beene neglected One is that a Register ought to have beene kept of all trade and a coppy to be transfer'd to us yearly w^ch yo^u have not hitherto observed though we know a great trade hath been driven to and from the Fort and Subordinate Factories and Severall other parts of India. register of Trade.

38. Besides the rules formerly given yo^u in order to our being well served in the Goods yo^u shall Contract for we would have these three following Observed in al our Factories.

1^st To take two peeces of Musters of every Sort of goods Contracted for and Seale each w^th the Campanies Seale and that one of those peeces Soe Sealed be annually sent for England w^th Labels anexed expressing the price Contracted for and the number of peeces bought and what number the Bales are in w^ch each peice is packed. Ru[les] to be observed in Contract for Goods.

2. That when the Calicoes are brought in to the Companies warehouse to be received according to Contract and Musters, that there be at Least three of the Councell ꝑsen[t] whereof the Agent or Chief or the warehouse keeper to be One to Veiw that they be according to Samples and that under their hands a returne be made to the book keeper for his justification for entering the same that is to Say at what price to enter them whether at the price Contracted for or lower.

3. That the Agent or Cheif take care that at such time of View al the Facto^rs as well as writers or as many of them as can (w^th conveniency) be called to View the Goods bought that thereby they may gaine Knowledge in the Companies concernes and Skill in the [ . . . ].

Upon the examinacon of the Calicoes that came [ . . . ] yeare we doe find that generally they are bet[ter] [ . . . ] and Better Cloth then the Last, and therefore we [would] [ . . . ] yo^u. continue yo^r care to bring them to ꝑfectio[ns according to] directions formerly given as to the Length Bredth thic [ . . . ] Striking of them w^ch if observed would be [ . . . ] advantage to us in our Sales.

The Salampores N^o. 6, 7, 8 & 17, 18, 19. & 20 are too thin and not close struck as our Buyers desire them.

44. By the Parcallaes N^o 14: & 15 there is little or noe profit and many of them are unSold & 2480 peeces Sent home more then ordered. The Morees N^o 3 & 4 are to thin & 13080 peeces sent home more then wee ordered The short Gingham N^o 29:

30: & 31 cost Soe dear there is noe profit by them and 1340 peeces Sent home more then ordered. The other Ginghams N° 33 are too dear those of Metchlep[a]: being longer and Broader and much cheaper and turn better to Account The Blew Long Cloth is not as yet brought to that perfection and Colour as the pattern Sent yo[u]. w[ch]: we desire yo[u]. to endevour for the future for the evenness and Good coulour doe much advance its price and let it be made up w[th]out dust or sand in y[e] drying them. The Broune long Cloth is some what better then that last year yet it is not Soe Good or close Struck as we desired. We find yo[u] have sent us less then Ordered 12600 Ordenary Long Cloaths and 14000 Ordenary Salempores [a]nd 1360 fine Salempores and 720 Betteleez.

45. The Diapers yo[u] have sent are very bad and of those y[o[u] have] Sent 1920 peeces more then Ordered.

46. We require for the Future that yo[u] Observe our Orders as to quantities & Sorts, & if yo[u] doe Send more of any sort then Ordered let it be of those Sorts that yo[u] judge may turne best to account and are most Vendable here whereas yo[u] have sent less of those Sorts that are more desireable of w[ch] we cannot approve but doe expect a further Account from yo[u].

Wax Cloth too Scant for the B[as].

47. We have had this yeare many Callicoes damaged one great cause hath been for want of care in the Packing of them the wax cloth being Soe Scanty at the heads of the Bales that it will not fold over The Cotton in them is too thin.

48. We find a great want in our Petre and the Captaines refuse to give us satisffaction Saying it was not weighed to them. Therefore we doe require that yo[u] weigh al the Salt Petre when yo[u]. receive it and againe when yo[u] ship it, and that the Master or Purser or whom the Master shall appoint doe See it weighed and Looke that the Gunneys are Good and give the same directions to the Bay.

to advise if Iron [& shot procurable] here, to send o[f] each 1 Candy to the Bantam.

49. We are informed that Iron and shot may be procured at the fort fit for Bantam of w[ch] give us an Acc[t] and what it will cost and Send us home one Candy of each and Send one Candy of each alsoe to Bantam on the Mary for a Triall.

his Maj[tie]. formerly desired Spotted Deere now desires [Does]

50. His Ma[tie]: hath desired we should procure him every yeer some Spotted deer but now desires most Does of w[ch] procure Some if yo[u]. can.

51. M[r] Bridger having rep[r]sented to us that he served Sometime as Warehouse keeper we order that yo[u]. alow him for that time he Served in that capacitie warehouse keepers pay.

require us to send [ho]me this year [Geo: White] & Mr Jno Jearsey, that Richard Thead & one Pitts entertyned by Mr Clavell be Sent home.

52. We did by our Last letters order yo[u] to send home W[m]. Per[kins] by the last yeers ships which we expect shall be performed And now we require yo[u] to send home by this years shipping M[r] George White & M[r] Jn[o] Jearsey who both went out w[th]out leave and we hear are imployd in the Great trade driven by our Factor as alsoe that yo[u] give order to the Bay that Richard Thead that was Some years since left there by Captaine Goodlad and one Pitts that was left by Captaine Goodlad of the Lanchaster the last year and as we are informed is entertained by M[r] Clavell to goe purser on a ship of his that he was building or buying in those parts.

the Ell[ecting] of Major Puckle [Chiefe] at Metchlm [how] now they would have their affairs [there] managed for Councell to [ap]point faythfull [Ser]vt for their Trust of which Mr Jos Arnold to be one. &— before Major Puckle be [Setled] [there] be managed by [Comission].

53. Considering what an ill posture our Affaires were in at Metchlepatam and the confidence we have of the integritie and abilitie of M[r] W[m] Puckle we have elected him to bee Cheif at that place and his Sallery to be 100 £ ℔ Ann to commence at his entering upon that Charge w[ch] he is forthwith to doe. And yo[u] are to appoint for Councell for M[r] Puckle those that you shall judge fit for that trust in respect of Faithfullness and abilitie of w[ch]. M[r] Arnold to be one. and in case of the Death of M[r] Puckle (w[ch] God forbid) either before he take the Cheifship or afterwards yo[u] are to appoint an able faithfull person to be Cheif of that factory w[th] such an able Councell as yo[u] judge to be fit to carry on our Affaires there, of w[ch] M[r] Arnol[d] to be one till we further give order therein, and till Su[ch] time as M[r] Puckle is Setled in that Place we Would have our Affaires there managed by Commission as we have Formerly directed. But in regard of the great inconveniency We have found of having near Relations in one place we doe order his Son be not permitted to remaine w[th] him but doe give Liberty to Settle him at the fort or Bay as a Writer in our Service and have that pay and to take place first of those that went out w[th] him in that years Shipping.

54. We having found Some inconvenience in Valueing the Pag$^{o}$ at 8sh and the Rupee at 2sh 6d therefore for the future we doe Order that the pag$^{o}$ be Valued at 9sh and the Rupee at 2sh 3d both w$^{th}$ you and the Subordinate Factories But we would have the soldiars paid as many fanams as when the Pag$^{o}$ was Valued at 8sh But both in the Sale and [buyin]g of our Goods yo$^{u}$ are to take care to have Pag$^{o}$ for what Goods yo$^{u}$ Sell and to pay as few for what you buy as formerly for this Valuation is only for the regulating yo$^{r}$ Bookes and can have noe influence w$^{th}$ those w$^{th}$ whom yo$^{u}$ deale.

55. Wee have observed by this years Shiping that Some Diamonds have been sent home and Left out of [the] Reg[ister] and p$^{r}$sended here as a Reason that the quantities would ha[ve] been knoun to the Jews and others buyers We doe expect for the future that al comes in Register for that we doe not expose the Register to any but to the Veiw of our Owne Court, or at least if any be left out of Register that notice be given thereof by Some letter to the Governer or Deputy And if yo$^{u}$ apprehend that divulging the quantitie is any prejudice to those concernd yo$^{u}$ must take care there that the Masters and Pursers be not inabled to give notice thereof as this year they have done.

56 Considering how numerous the People w$^{th}$ yo$^{u}$ grow, [and] being desirous to use al means for the p$^{r}$servation [of] yo$^{r}$ healths we have entertained here M$^{r}$ Bezaliell Sherman alsoe as Chirurgeon and at the Like Salery. w$^{th}$ him already there he carries over w$^{th}$ him his Wife Passage free and One [*Lacuna in the original*] an Apprentice at his Owne Charge and both are to be at his Charge there and he is Obleiged to Bring the s$^{d}$ Apprentice up a Chirurgeon and noe otherwise imployed and to remaine at the Fort.

57. Upon the desire of M$^{r}$ Tho: Winter we have ℔'mitted his Son Reades Daughter to goe over in these ships to her father as alsoe M$^{r}$ Cole the Dyers Wife and 3 daughters & M$^{rs}$ Mary Barber Sent to be a wife for M$^{r}$ Jn$^{o}$ Pace by the consent of both their fathers, and alsoe her Maid.

58. Upon desire of M$^{r}$ Darley to have his pay and Gratuity al paid him there We doe grant it, Soe Long Soe Long [*Sic*] as he behaves himselfe Sutable to his imployment and have now S[ent] according to his request the 2$^{d}$ part of Do$^{r}$ Hamonds Workes and the 4$^{th}$ Volume of M$^{r}$ Pools Synopsis to be Aded to our Library there.

59. We still recommend to yo$^{u}$ to provide us some of that black Pegu Sticklack as Formerly directed.

60. We have this yeare freighted for yo$^{r}$ Agency the five following Ships Viz$^{t}$.

| | | Tuns. |
|---|---|---|
| The Eagle | Cap$^{t}$. James Bonneell ... ... ... ... ... | 525 |
| Johannah | Cap$^{t}$. Hope for Bendall ... ... ... ... | 515 |
| Falcon | Cap$^{t}$. Jn$^{o}$. Stafford ... ... ... ... ... | 380 |
| Mary | Cap$^{t}$. Matth: Crover ... ... ... ... ... | 330 |
| Surratt | March$^{t}$. Cap$^{t}$. Francis Johnson ... ... ... ... | 390 |
| | in all — | 2,140 Tuns :— |

Aboard of w$^{ch}$ Ships we have loaden and consignd to you as followeth Viz$^{t}$.

ON THE EAGLE.

| | | £ | s. | d. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 31 | B$^{a}$. Broadcloth q$^{t}$. 93. ℔othes [*Sic*] amo$^{ts}$ to ... | £ 1667: | 10: | – |
| 8 | B$^{a}$. ℔lo: Rashes q$^{t}$. 40 ... ... ... ... | £ 395: | 06: | 3 |
| 500 | piggs Lead 1413. 2. 5 ... ... ... ... | £ 1060: | 03: | 2 |
| 252 | ℔opper plates 211. 0. 21 ... ... ... | £ 1372: | 14: | 4 |
| 2 | B$^{a}$. perpetuanaes q$^{t}$ 34 ps ... ... ... | £ 187: | –: | – |
| 56 | Bar: Tinn 180 : 3. 18 ... ... ... | £ 904: | 11: | – |
| 6 | Tubbs Vermil 2759$^{lb}$ ... ... ... ... | £ 620: | 15: | 6 |
| 20 | Bar: red Lead 115. 2. 15 ... ... ... | £ 104: | 01: | 5 |
| 17. | Caske Allom 104. 2. 14 ... ... ... | £ 120: | 06: | 4 |
| 16. | ℔ases Quicksilver 3961$^{lb}$ ... ... ... | £ 891: | 04: | 6 |
| | Dying stuff, Bookes, Velvett Lace &c$^{a}$. ... ... | £ 181: | 07: | 9 |
| 19. | Iron Ordnance 1120 shott & 12 Anchors ... | £ 441: | 18: | 10 |
| 8 | chests Silver 3. chests Gold ... ... ... | £ 48,505: | 14: | – |
| | | £ 56452: | 13: | 1 |

### On the Johanna.

| | | £ | s. | d. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 31. Ba. Broad cloth qt. 93. ℔lo ... ... ... | £ | 1674: | 08: | – |
| 8. Ba. Rashees qt. 40. & 1 Ba. perpetuanaes qt. 16 ps ... ... ... ... ... | £ | 490: | 06: | 6 |
| 400. pigs Lead ℔ 1136 ... ... ... ... | £ | 852: | 02: | 10 |
| 20. Barills red Lead ℔ 116. 2. 8 ... ... ... | £ | 104: | 18: | 4 |
| 56. Barills Tinn ℔ 181 ... ... ... ... | £ | 905: | 05: | 4 |
| 6. tubs Vermill 2763lb ... ... ... ... | £ | 621: | 13: | 6 |
| 16. Cases Quicksilver 4440 lb ... ... ... | £ | 999: | –: | – |
| 16. Caskes Allom ℔ 99 ... ... ... ... | £ | 123: | 18: | 7 |
| 288. Copper plates ℔ 278. 3. 19 ... ... ... | £ | 1812: | 19: | 6 |
| 6 bar: White Lead ℔ 36. 0. 21 ... ... ... | £ | 63: | 06: | [7] |
| Gaules & dying Ware ... ... ... ... ... | £ | 143: | 14: | 5 |
| 18. Iron Ordnance 1500 shott & 12. Anchors ... | £ | 396: | 09: | 2 |
| 3. Chests of Gold and 11 of Silver ... ... ... | £ | 48958: | 14: | [ ] |
| | £ | 571 [ . . . ] | | |

### On Suratt Marchant.

| | | £ | s. | d. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 31. Ba. Broad clo: qt. 93. ℔lo ... ... ... | £ | 1499: | 15: | 00 |
| 6. Ba qt. 30 Clo: Rashes ... ... ... ... | £ | 300: | 06: | – |
| 49. blocks Tinn ℔ 130. 2. 4 ... ... ... ... | £ | 652: | 13: | 7 |
| 14. Cases Quicksilver 3849lb ... ... ... ... | £ | 866: | 00: | 6 |
| 5. tubbs Vermill 2483lb ... ... ... ... | £ | 558: | 15: | 9 |
| 300 pigs Lead ℔ 849. 2. 4 ... ... ... ... | £ | 637: | 03: | – |
| 473. ℔opper plates ℔ 266. 01. 01 ... ... ... | £ | 1730: | 13: | 8 |
| 20 Iron Ordnance 12. Anchors ... ... ... | £ | 260: | 13: | 3 |
| 2 Chests of Gold and 12 of Silver ... ... ... | £ | 36233: | 03: | 8 |
| | £ | 42739: | 03: | 8 |

£ s. d.
36233: 03: 08

### On the Falcon.

| | | £ | s. | d. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 30. Ba. Broadcloth qt. 90. ℔Los ... ... ... | £ | 1499: | 05: | – |
| 6. Ba. ℔Lo: Rashees qt. 30 ... ... ... | £ | 297: | 08: | 3 |
| 48. Bar: Tinn ℔ 150: 3: 7 ... ... ... | £ | 754: | 01: | 3 |
| 17. Caskes brimstone ℔ 101 0. 15 ... ... ... | £ | 91: | 00: | 6 |
| 16 Cases Quicksilver 4627lb ... ... ... | £ | 1041: | 01: | 6 |
| 6 Tubbs Vermill 2953lb ... ... ... | £ | 664: | 08: | 6 |
| 300. pigs Lead ℔ 844. 1. 13. ... ... ... | £ | 633: | 05: | 5 |
| 346. ℔opper plates ℔ 211. 0. 11. ... ... ... | £ | 1372: | 02: | 9 |
| 28. Iron Ordnance 150 2. 14. ... ... ... | £ | 150: | 12: | 6 |
| 12. Anchors ℔ 29 1. 15. ... ... ... | £ | 52: | 17: | 10 |
| Canary factory ℙrovisions Toyes Medicines &ca ... | £ | 317: | 00: | 10 |
| 2 Chests of Gold and 11 of Silver ... | £ | 34717: | 02: | 7 |
| | £ | 41586: | 07: | 11 |

ON THE MARY.

| | | £ | s. | d. |
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| 23. Bª Broadcloth qt. 69 ℔Lo. ... ... ... | £ | 1493: | 03: | 6 |
| 300. pigs Lead ℔ 847. 2. 05 ... ... ... | £ | 635: | 13: | 2 |
| 299. Copper plates ℔ 168. 2. 6 ... ... ... | £ | 1095: | 12: | - |
| 6. Bª qt. 30. Cloth Rashes ... ... ... | £ | 300: | 11: | 6 |
| 51. Barrills qt. ℔ 172. 0. 12 Tinn ... ... ... | £ | 860: | 10: | 8 |
| 19. ℔askes Brimstone ℔ 102. 1. 27 ... ... ... | £ | 92: | 04: | 10 |
| 14. Cases Quicksilver 3792lb ... ... ... | £ | 853: | 04: | - |
| 4. tubbs Vermill 1923lb ... ... ... | £ | 432: | 13: | 6 |
| 26. Iron Ordnance ℔ 148. 3. 19 ... ... ... | £ | 148: | 18: | 4 |
| 12. Anchors. ℔ 47. 3. 4. ... ... ... ... | £ | 86: | 00: | 3 |
| 18. Chests of Gold and Silver ... ... ... | £ | 30494: | 03: | 06. |
| | £ | 37454. | 07. | 11. |

Of [our] Stock alone [ . . . . ]
p[ro] portioned for the [fort] in
Goods—14832 £ — . . . . . in Bullion £ 105167 - -

For Metchlepatam such goods consigned to the Fort as will vend in that Factory. } in Bullion „ 30000

For the Bay in Goods 23000 £ . . . in Bullion „ 67000 - -

And have directed them in the Bay that they take up money (if they can by Exª and how to invest it as yoᵘ will see by our letters to them.

Herewith yoᵘ have the perticuler of what Goods we Advised for this years Shipping from the fort and Metchlepª and in our Letter to the Bay yoᵘ will alsoe find what we expect from thence:

FROM THE FORT AND METCHLEPTAM.

Peeces.
6000 Ordenary lon Cloth
10000 Ditto to be provided at Metchlepª
9000 Browne Long Cloaths
2000 Ordenary Long Cloth wᵗʰout stiffning.
8000 Fine Long Cloths of wᶜʰ 2500 from Mechlepª: Such as last year.
5000 Blew Long Cloths.
30000 Ordenary Salempores.
20000 Ordenary Salempores to be provided at Metchlepatam,
12000 fine Salempores of wᶜʰ 8000 to be provided at Metchlepª.
9000 fine parcalloes of wᶜʰ 4000 to be provided at Metchlepatam.
6000 Ordenary Morees.
5000 fine Morees and 1000 Superfine Morees
1500 fine
9000 Ordenary } broad Ginghams-from 21 to 24 yards Long
1500 Izaree Ginghams.
9000 Oringall Bettaleez 16 yards Long.
3000 fine Bettaleez 25 yards Long fine & cleare.
3000 fine Bettaleez 20 yards Long
6000 Alecas full Redds and ℔'fect Whites.
300 fine Browne Bettaleez 25 yards Long
Send noe Diapers.
1500 fine Salloes made at Golendah
10000 Dungare[ez]
1000 fine Neckclothes stript at the end wᵗʰ white 1½ Yard Long.
1000 Ditto 2 yards Long each peece to contᵗ 18 neckcloaths.

These Ships being dispached We would have yo[u] goe on in providing the following Goods for our next years Shipping And at the first arivall of our Ships we would have yo[u] compute what Tunnage yo[u] can load at the The Fort and Metchlepatam and then write effectually to the Bay that they take care to provide the rest And if they [. . . . ] the full [lading] of the shipps in the Goods ordered let them make up the Tincall 20 [or 30] Tuns, and if they can buy Cotton yarne that is Single reeled w[th] one Thred not w[th] more, let them Buy 100 Bales, but if they cannot procure that w[ch] is Single reeled let y[m] buy none for if yo[u] send any other Sort we shall charge it to their Acc[t]. And what shall be wanting to compleat the Tonage advised for let it be made up w[th] Turmerick and the [best] b[la]ck Sticklack in bales not shot and if they can get none of that sort of Black Sticklack then to make up the 100 tuns ordered in Sticklack of the Ordinary sort which must come in Bales not Shott.

CALICOES TO BE PROVIDED AT THE FORT.
FOR ANNO: 1677.

60000 Ordenary Long Cloths White.
10000 Ditto to be provided at Metchlep[a].
10000 Browne Long cloths.
2000 Ordenary white Long clothes w[th]out Stiffning.
8000 Fine Long clothes: wherof 2500 at Metchlepatam.
6000 Blew Long clothes.
60000 Ordenary Salempores from N° 3 to N° 12.
[2]0000 Ditto to be provided at Metchlepatam.
15000 fine Salempors Viz[t]
8000 at Metchlepatam
3000 at the Fort N°: 17: 18: & 19
4000 at the Fort N°: 20 & 21: or fineer.
8000 fine Percalloes Viz[t]
3000 at Metchlepatam
1000 at Fort N°: 14.
2000 at the Fort N° 15.
2000 at the for[t] N° 16:—
6000 Ordenary Morees
5000 fine Morees.
1000 Superfine Morees
1000 fine broad ¾ Ginghams at Metchlep.
5000 Ordenary broad ¾ Ginghams at Metchlep[a]
1000 Ditto Browne ¾ Ginghams at Metchlep[a]
2000 Ditto White at the Fort.
1500 Izarree Ginghams.
6000 Oringall Bettalees if 16 yards y[e] Better.
4000 Fine Bettaleez 25 yards long fine & Clere.
10000 fine Bettaleez 20 yards the finer clerer & thiner the Better
6000 Allejaes Full Reds & ℔fect whites.
10000 Cotton Romalls 15 handcherchifs in a peece each ¾ of a yard square.
6000 Fine Browne Bettaleez 20 yards the finer the better
1500 fine Salloes made at Golendah thin & clear.
20000 Dungarees full yard Broad and Better 15 or 16 ya[ds] Long.
1500 Peeces of fine Neckclothes Striped w[th] white 18 Neckcloths in a peece each neckcloth to be yard & halfe Long.
1500 Ditto 2 yards Long each Neckcloth.
20000 Saile Cloathes browne thicker and finer then those formerly sent.
2000 Broad Dyapers, no Narrow, if to be procured at a Pag° ℔ peece and rather Better then N° 35 sent home the last yeare.
1000 Peeces of finest broad Dyapers to be provided at Metchlepatam.

And in regard our Stock this yeare and the last yeare was Soe Large we conceive yo[u] will have a considerable Sume to begin the S[d] investment w[th] all And that in the Vacancy of shiping yo[u] will buy goods much cheaper.

65. Yo$^{u}$ will find what Bullion & Goods we have designed for Metchlep$^{a}$ & the Bay and we require that the Same be sent to each place except yo$^{u}$ find cause to Lessen the quantitie of the Goods But not of the Bullion And give strict orders that they doe not deteyne our ships Longer then is Necessary for our Occasions as formerly they have done both at the Bay and Metchlep$^{a}$ sometimes to the hazard of Loosing the Monsoones and often been the occasion of running us into demorage And therefore yo$^{u}$ at the fort are to take speciall care that our Ships are dispatched from yo$^{u}$ at the farthest by day Limmeted in Charter party that they may not hazard the Loss of the Monsoons and subject us into four months demorage w$^{ch}$ we are liable to, should yo$^{u}$ keep them a day Longer and give the Comand$^{r}$ order to keep Comp$^{a}$ and their ships alwais in a Posture of Defence for though we are at peace now We know not what enimies we may have before their returne and at their arivall at S$^{t}$ Hellena to joyne w$^{th}$ the other Ships they shall meete there and put themselves into Squadrons According to our instructions.

Ships to keep Comp homeward.

66. The Mary we would have yo$^{u}$ dispatch to Bantam w$^{th}$ a Charge of Goods to the Value of 10 : or 12 Thousand pounds Ster and besids y$^{t}$ to put Soe much salt Petre aboard as will lade hir or as shee can conveniently carry let the Goods be proper for that market according to Such Advises as yo$^{u}$ have received thence. And 'here we must take notice to yo$^{u}$ of the great complants. we have from Bantam 'concerning the Goods yo$^{u}$ send them that they are not Sutable to their Advices, ill 'sorted bad Goods and Dear bought they write in these words Viz$^{t}$ They have put of 'most of their Gobars & some Comitters now scarcely any body elce have any but 'cannot obteine more then the prime cost for them on w$^{ch}$ another but for the remains 'of our Comitters we cannot get the prime cost w$^{th}$ 10 or 15 ℔ ℐ.$^{t}$ Loss although 'there is none elce in towne We fear we shall have more come by the Expectation 'notwithstanding we have often Advised the Contrary. We doe not say but the 'Gobars and Comitters are Vendable sorts of cloth but at the rates they come 'invoiced at they will produce noe proffitt those that come to us being for the most 'part invoiced to us about the old rates w$^{ch}$ is more then the Moors Sel them for here 'who notwithstanding they pay freight Custome make profitable Voyages. And that 'the Danes & others bring Goods there and Sel them 20 ℔ ℐ.$^{t}$ Cheaper then ours are invoiced at and Yet boast of Gaine (soe far they) Which is a great prejudice to us to have such a stock ly unimployed our occations thereby disapointed, And at last the Goods if Vendable to produce loss: And we cant conceive any reason for these Kind of Actings except it be to discourage us from that trade w$^{ch}$ we are informed Some of our Servants in yo$^{r}$ Agency and at Bantam doe Soe egerly persue And w$^{ch}$ we require yo$^{u}$ to give us notice of and to prevent for the future. And doe yo$^{u}$ send us a muster of each Sort of Goods. You Send thither w$^{th}$ the prizes and Let them be packed apart having ordered them to send us alsoe Musters from Bantam of what goods they receive from yo$^{r}$ parts.

Send ye Mary to Bantam.

67. In regard of the Great Charge and trust that is reposed in those imploy'd in the Choultrey & Mint and that have the comand of the Boats to Bring Goods to and from the ships we doe require yo$^{u}$ to cause them to enter into Covenants to render yo$^{u}$ tru & just Acc$^{o}$ and be bound to make Oath to the truth of such Acc$^{ts}$ Soe often as yo$^{u}$ shall require it.

68. We have been informed that it hath often been practized both at the fort and alsoe at Subordinat Factories by our Servants and Other English to be Married, buried and cause their Children to be Baptized by Romish Priests w$^{ch}$ we look upon as a thing Soe Scandelous to the Professors of the Reformed Religeon that we cannot but disalow of al such practizes and therefore we doe order that yo$^{u}$ doe prohibit the same for the future in al our Factories and if after this notice given any shall dare to doe the Like that yo$^{u}$ cause them to be Sent home by the first shipps. And take care to give notice of this to all Subordinate factories. And send us an Acc$^{o}$ thereof ℔ the first Opertunitie. And if there be any married there that doe not educate ther Children in the Protestant Religeon Let them Likewise be sent home.

69. We being desirous to bring the Coulours of our Taffeties in the Bay to perfection and having a Good Carracter of the Abilitie of Tho : Read a Dyer in al sorts of Coulours have elected him at the Salery of 30$^{li}$ ℔ Ann. to commence at the time of

his Imbarqueing here and have paid him 20ll here upon Acct beforehand and ife hee Shall give us Satisfaction herein we have promised him to give him 20ll ℔ Anñ Gratuitie; but of this yon are to pay him noe part till we have seene Some of his work and give yon Further Order hereabout.

70. Herewth yon have a note from our Auditer of Severall errors in, and objections to yor Accts to wch we require yr Answare. Wee now send yon a ℔ticuler of What Bullion wine &c. are permitted by us to be Shipped upon these Ships Besides what the Comandrs and Seamen doe carry on the Acct of the 5 ℔ ℳt. and their owne Stocks, And we would have yon give us an Acct of what yon shall find more by what Ships and to whom consigned.

Mr Streynsham Master sent to succeed ye Agent in Janry:1677 &ca.

73. Having had Consideracon that our agents time is Expired, & and supposing he will not desire to Stay much Longer in the Country Mr Streinsham Master being prsented to us as a fit ℔son to Serve us in that place & qualitie we have elected him to goe by these Ships and upon his arivall there to be Second at the fort and to Succeede in the Agency in January 1677 (our Stile) in case Sr Wm Langhorn Shall resolve to stay Soe long, & in the meantime he goe downe to Metchlepa & the Bay wthone or two of our Factors at the ffort wch he shall Choose (that are not of Councell) to inspect and settle our affaires in those parts, And that he have 4 or 5 Soldiars a Long wth him, And untill he coms to be Agent he is to have 300ll Salery ℔ Anñ And when Agent to have the same Salery and Gratuitie as Sr Wm Langhorn now hath And when he shall goe to Metchlepa ye Bay or any subordinate Factories, he is to take place as Cheif. With him goes one Nathaniell Whettham a Writer at 10ll ℔ Anñ. who is to take place after the writers that are already there & to be imploy'd by Mr Master in his ℔ticuler affaires. When he shall Soe direct And Mr Master is to have any One of our Souldiers that he shall choose to waite on him as a Serving man.

to inspect & settle.

74. We finding that our Books of Metchlepa & ye Bay are not kept in that due Method as they ought to be in order to wch we have given him a Commission & Instructions, wch we have directed to be read in Councell upon his Arivall. We doe Order yt when Mr Master Shall goe to those Factories that he take care to put them into the Method that is used at Surratt and that he doe aquaint yon of that Method and if upon Consideracon thereof yon shall find it to be better then what yon now use we would have yon Soe Order it that the Bookes of the ffort may be in Like manner Regulated. And for the future that yon cause our Bookes to be yearely Ballanced in the Months of March and Aprill as yon shall Agree there.

75. We have formerly Ordered that if any of our Councell Shall prove unfit for our Service that yon should give us notice thereof, but not put them out, till further Order; But upon consideration of the length of the time, and that Some inconvenience may happen thereby, Wee doe now order that in case any of our ℳouncel shall by reason of unfaithfullnes or other great misdemeanor become so obnoxious that it shall neither be safe or honourable for us that he be continued in that Imploymt That the Agent and ℳouncell be impowred to Suspend him; & his Charge & Proofes sent to us by the first opertunity, with his answer thereunto, but for the Subordinate ffactories, they are to give you an Accompt and expect yor Orders before they Suspend any.

76. By our last Ships wee advised that wee had done for the encouragemt of our Servants, when their respective times were out and knowing that a distinction of title is in many respects necessary wee doe Order that when the Apprentices have Served their times they be stiled Writers, & Writers haveing served their times, they be stiled ffactors, & ffactors haveing Served their times to be stiled Merchants & Merchants haveing served their times to be stiled Senior Merchants.

77. Wee have made a little alteration in our Settlement last yeer for the Advancemt of our Apprentices, and doe Order that after they have served the first 5 yeers they have 10ll ℔ anñ for the two last yeers, and haveing served them two yeeres to be entertained one yeer longer as Writers, & at Writers Sallary—and haveing Served that yeer to enter into the degree of ffactors So now after 8 yeers they will come into the degree of ffactors which otherwise would have been 10 yeers,

78. Wee being apprehensive of inconveniencies that may accrue to us by any English that are not in our Service, purchasing of Land or Howses or building of howses, wee doe order that you take care that none be ℔mitted So to doe except it be at our own Town of Madrassapatam.

79. And if any notwithstanding this Order shall doe so that you send them home.

80. Wee take notice that in severall of the Subordinate ffactories some of our ffactors both married & unmarried live in ℔ticular howses of their own & not in Ours, wee therefore recomend it to yo^r^ care to prevent it for the future, & the married ℔sons are to be allowed for their Dyett according to our former Orders, and if our howses have not conveniency to receive all; That then you give directions for their inlargem^ts^ in which you are to be frugall.

81. In regard wee would have a good correspondence between our ffactors at Metchlepatam the Bay and yo^r^ selves; and to keep them in due subordination, wee doe now write to them at the Bay and would have you give the like Order to Metchlep^a^ (when that ffactory shall be settled) that our Cheife and Councel there doe give ℔ticular advices of all our Affaires to us, & send the Coppyes thereof to you, that you may give them & us yo^r^ Opinion how far what they advise may be for our advantage.

82. The ffort & Town of Madrass^m^ being made over to us by the King of Golcundah [*Sic*], Wee would have you to consider whither wee have not a right to a Quitt Rent for the howses in y^e^ Town or what other Improvem^t^ may be made by virtue of that Grant. But herein to be very cautious of causing any disorder or discontent among the inhabitants or to cause the King of Golcundah to augment the Rent upon us.

83. Wee have taken notice that o^r^ shipping doe yeerly carry to & bring from the Bay great quantities of Goods for our ffactors & others, which wee had expected, that yow or at least our Agent, would have notified, & advised us or sent us a Register thereof according to our printed Rules, which had he done, we should have received it with a due resentment.

84. Wee have granted M^r^ Master liberty to send to and bring from the Bay, yeerly in our Shipping the Quantity of ffifteen tuns of Goods not prohibited freight free, provided the same be registred according to our Rules, and be for his own Account, and that it may conveniently be done without our prejudice, by Staying our Ships at y^e^ Bay & Metchlep^a^: or the ffort, either in loading or unloading thereof.

85. And had our Agent desired the same wee should have granted him the like. But for all others that shall load any Goods at the ffort or Metchlep^a^: for the Bay, they are to pay 30^s^ ℔ tun freight, & for all Goods from the Bay to Metchlep^a^ or the ffort 3^li^ ℔ tun, and wee expect an annuall Accompt, what you reserve thereupon, And take care the Commanders for themselves and Comp^a^ doe not exceed their 5 ℔ Cent, but withall wee would have you to take notice that wee are so apprehensive of the preiudice done by this Trade in the detension of our Ships, Sometimes to the hazard of looseing their Monsoones & often of running us into Demoorage as before hinted in a former Paragraph; That could wee prevent it no goods at all should be loaden, and therefore you must take care that wee come into none of these inconveniencies by reason of this liberty, which wee would have you give in Charge both at Metchlepatam & the Bay.

86. Wee have also granted M^r^ Master liberty to send home yeerly two Tunns of Goods upon our Tunnage provided they are not Such as wee have or shall hereafter prohibit, and that they be consigned to our Selves, which wee the rather doe hopeing it will put him upon Endeavours to finde out Some Sorts of Goods proper for this Markett, which are as yet unknown to us.

87. Wee formerly sent yo^u^ some Cathechizes & Bibles to be disperst amongst the Youth & the Soldiers, when they are disposed off wee would know; and if you desire more wee would send them.

88. By our Letters ℔ Last ships, wee did advise you that wee were informed that M^r ffleetwood hath farmed some places of the King of Golcundah, which practice wee ordered you to discountenance, and if upon Examination thereof you found that he was guilty, to send him home.

89. Upon further consideration of this busines, and being tender of all ℔sons in our Service, wee doe Order, That if upon Examinacon you finde that he hath farmed any of these places, & that he will cleer himself of the same, or that he will part with it to you (provided you finde it necessary or convenient for us to take it) you may let him remaine in our Service, if you be Satisfied that he will be faithfull to our Interest & observant to our Rules in the managem^t of our Affaires.

90. And haveing taken into consideration the whole busines of the Farmes, wee doe require our Agent & Councel throughly to debate y^e Matter how far it may be convenient or advantageous to ingage therein; and well to weigh the advantages on the one side and disadvantages and hazards that may attend such ingagements on the other, & not to ingage there, in any ffarmes but where you shall finde it apparently to tend to our profitt and advantage or necessary for prevention of greater inconveniencies.

Wee being desirous to give our ffactors & Servants as great incouragements as may consist with our Affaires doe hereby give liberty to our Agent ffactors & Servants at ffort S^t. George and those under that Agency to trade in any Comodities to and from the ffort to any Ports or places in the East Indies to y^e Northward of the Equator, except Tonqueene & fformosa, Provided you and they conforme themselves in all other matters to the rules of our Indulgence of the 26^th Novemb^r 1674, And that their Goods from time to time be registred according to our Rules, and this liberty to continue till our further Orders; But wee doe expect annually to have a ℔fect Accompt thereof.

Wee enorder you to write effectually to y^e Cheif & Councell at the Bay to provide carefull Young men of about 20 yeers of age out of any of the Ships in the Companies service w^th the consent of the Comandrs, to be trained up as Pylotts, but not to be imployed as Writers, or on any other Marcantile affaires, that thereby the Companies shipping may with safety be carryed up the River Ganges & send us yeerly what you doe therein, & an Acc^o of their Proficiency, And their Journalls.

Wee have received and weighed y^e 5 Policatt Pagodes The 5 of ffort S^t George, & the weight of 5 Pag^o in yo^r Matt Gold with 200 pag^o brass weights, which you mention to have Sent us. Wee finde the 2 brass weights to contain exactly alike 11^lb. Troy each, w^ch renders every one pag^o at 2^dwt. 4$\frac{4}{5}$ gr and y^e 3 parcells of Pag^os & Pag^o Matt Gold doe weigh every one of them 11^dwt. and so brings each individuall Pag^o to come at 2^dwt. 5 gr.

They are all 3 parcells from the Tower reported to be 1 ℔ar^t & $\frac{3}{4}$ gr worse then Standard, but from Goldsmiths hall onely one of them namely the Pag^o Matt peece was found to be y^e same, the other two were reported to be but 1 Carr^t & $\frac{1}{2}$ gr wors.

Wee have by this Somewhat more Satisfaction then hitherto in that wee now come to know the exact weight that a Pag^o Should weigh, and with this also and Some other informations Wee think wee have attained the Knowledge of its fineness as to y^e quantity of Standard Gold and proporcon of Alloy; So that If you can keep yo^r Shroffs to be exact in these rules and proporcon and will require of them (as we understand for the most part you doe) to deliver you back the Just tale & number in Pag^o coined to the weight of Gold & Alloy together, that was put into the Mint, wee could not Suffer much that way. But by the Experiment of Severall Pagodas that you have formerly Sent us and wee have otherwise procured, wee have found very few to be lighter or Courser, but the most part to be somewhat heavier & finer—You say the Pagode of Polycatt are 1 ℔ ℔^t finer then ours, but wee can discover no difference by the Assayes here, and yow also say that 110 oz 2^dw 5 gr troy produceth 1000 pag^o which supposeing you mean 110 oz 2 dw. 5 g^r pag^o Matt Gold, will well enough agree

with our computacons hereafter mentioned, But you say not how much Standard Gold & how much Alloy there is therein, which is the thing wee would have ascertained.

Wee grant that our Assay Masters here are also subject to mistakes, but it is Sometimes on the one hand as well as the other whereas those of yo[r] Sheroffs are alwaies in the prejudice of the Proprietor of the Gold. Wee herewith send you the Extract of 7 Parcells of Gold coined in yo[r] Mint in Severall yeers, and taken out of yo[r] own Accounts, such as came first to sight without selecting any one in ℔ticular, whereby you may cleerly see how unsteedy they are in their practice or unskillfull in their Art, Sometimes 100 oz of Standard Gold hath rendered as it ought to doe (with addition of Alloy) 963 pag[o] 26 fanams and other times but 947 pag[os] 17 fanams & none at all of the rest. Though they render not so much as the highest nor so little as the lowest, doe agree with one another either in product of pag[os] or proporcons of Alloy as is most manifest by the Examination of that one Ingott N° 17 on y[e] Unity and the rest hereund[r] mentioned.

Wee have been this yeer so streightened both in time and manner that wee could not now, but may y[e] next yeer (to prevent some part of this mischeif, though but in saveing if possible ¼ ℔ts of y[e] Alloy in Silver) send you some part of our Gold Alloyed to yo[r] Matt as neer as may be, & Also some Spanish Pistolls, & other fforreign Coines melted into Ingotts, with the Tower report of them whereby to experiment y[e] difference (if any be) as you desire; In the mean time we think it not difficult for you to satisfy yo[r] Selves there by Some of every Such Specie, as we now send you being y[e] fineness of every of them, as well as of the Ingotts. is expressed in the Invoice you have onely to take care there be no fals or Counterfeit peeces among Such as you Melt, for that you know would much worser the report in a Small quantity, but to shape any Gold here to y[e] weight & figure of a Pag[o], whereby to make it ready for onely Coinage there, wee think not fitt for reasons given the last Yeer, This is as much as wee can yet doe here, the main remedy must be by you there, which we earnestly recomend.

27 Ingotts ℔ Happy Entrance poiz stand 3144 oz 5 dw. 11 gr produced in the Mint Pagodes 29789: 28 fan (94 oz alloy added) at which rate 100 oz Standard will produce neerest 947 pag[o] 28 fan. Fort Bookes G. 1664—Gold.

13 Ingotts Morn: Star poiz Stand[rd] 2061 oz. 7 dw. 16 gr produced in the Mint Pagodes 19528: 16 fan (77 oz alloy added) at which rate 100 oz Stand[rd] will produce neerest —947: 17 fan. Ditto Bookes.

One ℔hest ℔ Humph & Eliz[a] poiz Standard 2283 oz produced in the Mint Pagodes—22004: 6 fan—122 oz. 12 dw. 21 gr (alloy added) at which rate 100 oz standard will yield Pag[o] 96[3]: 26 fan. Bookes M 1671. No G.

2 Chests ff & C ℔ Bertley Castle poiz Stand[rd] 5 [*middle digits lost*] 08 oz produced in the Mint pagodes—48805. 3 fan.—346. 6. 1 (alloy added) at w[ch] rate 100 oz standard will yeeld Pag[o]—955: 14 fan. Bookes C.

2 Chests E. & H ℔ Anthelope & Cesar poiz standard 4849 oz 4 dw. produced in y[e] Mint 46278 Pag[o]. 24 fan—230. 19 (alloy added) at w[ch] rate 100 oz stand[r] will yeeld Pag[o] 954: 12 fan. Ditto

One Ingott ℔ Unity poiz Stand[r] 106 oz 8 dw 3 gr produced in the Mint Pag[o] 1010. 9 fan. – 3: 7: 13[gr] (alloy added) at which rate 100 oz of standard will yeeld—Pag[o] 949: 14⅓. Bookes Q 1673.

3 Chests N° F. D. G. ℔ Sever[l] ships poiz Stand[rd]: 6540 oz produced in the Mint Pag[o] 57212: 23 fan.—242: 3: 3[gr] (alloy added) at which rate 100 oz Standard will yeild Pag[o]—956: 13 fan. Ditto.

The Pagode being assayed in the Tower was found to be worse then Standard 1 ℳar$^{t}$ $\frac{3}{4}^{gr}$ And they ought to make their Pag$^{o}$ in India but $8\frac{5}{8}$ Matt or $20\frac{7}{10}$ ℳar$^{t}$. But it appeares that they doe make their pag$^{o}$ finer then they ought, they being found by the Tower Essay to be $20\frac{13}{16}$ Car$^{ts}$. fine, so that they are made in India $\frac{9}{80}$ of a ℳar$^{t}$ finer then they ought to be.

So that to prove the tryall of y$^{e}$ Ingott N$^{o}$ 17 ℔ Unity cont$^{s}$ $107^{oz}$ $16^{Dw}$ 12 gr being worse then Standard 1 gr $\frac{1}{4}$ w$^{ch}$ is 21 Car$^{ts}$ $\frac{11}{16}$ fine and y$^{e}$ pag$^{o}$ as Essayed in the Tower is there found to be $20\frac{13}{16}$ fine the difference is $\frac{14}{16}$ of a ℳarr$^{t}$ and the proportion then will be for its Alloy as $20\frac{13}{16}$ Car$^{ts}$ is to $\frac{14}{16}$ So will the Alloy required to y$^{e}$ weight of the Ingott viz$^{t}$ If $20\frac{13}{16}$ must have $\frac{14}{16}$ Alloy to bring it to Pag$^{o}$ Standard what will $107^{oz}$ $16^{Dw}$. $12^{gr}$ require, which produceth — $4^{oz}$ $10^{dw}$ $15^{gr}$
and by the Book it appeares there was but — 3. 17. $13^{gr}$ of Alloy.

So there is – ... ... .. ... ... 1. 3. 2 of Alloy less putt to this Ingott then ought to be, and yet allowing the Pag$^{o}$ Matt to be $20\frac{13}{16}$ fine. Of which wee can give no other reason but that either that this Ingott was more worse then $1\frac{1}{4}$ gr and not rightly assayed in the Tower or els that the Sheroff in India reported it not to have been So fine as it ought to have been, by which doeing (if true) they gett the over plus by blowing in Alloy privately by their Bellowes or mixing it in the Pott; But if they be not guilty of this, it is impossible to be any other way the mistake, but not being right Essayed in the Tower, But wee are apt to beleeve the Sheroff is guilty.

Wee understand $128^{oz}$ Standard Gold should produce 1161 pag$^{o}$ So that $100^{oz}$ should produce 907 pag$^{o}$ $\frac{1}{3\frac{1}{2}}$ besides the Alloy which is $6^{oz}$ [5]$^{dw}$ $14^{gr}$ $\frac{9}{16}$ so y$^{t}$ $100^{oz}$ Standard Gold being 106 oz $5^{dw}$ $14^{gr}$ $\frac{9}{16}$ should produce pag$^{o}$ 963 $\frac{2}{3}$ Standard being $22\frac{1}{20}$ Carr$^{t}$ and Pag$^{o}$ Matt but $8\frac{5}{8}$ alloy should be added to 100 oz of Standard ... ... ... ... ... } Oz 6 . $d^{w}$ 10 . $12^{gr}$
but being 22 Car$^{t}$ & pag$^{o}$ $8\frac{5}{8}$ alloy to be added in 100: oz ... 6 . 5 . $14\frac{9}{16}$
& being 22 Car$^{ts}$ & pag$^{o}$ matt $8\frac{43}{44}$ alloy to be added in 100: oz... 5 . 14 . $2\frac{82}{111}$
Soe that 100 oz Standard with alloy of $5^{oz}$ $14^{dr}$ $2\frac{82}{111}$ to make the pag$^{o}$ $8\frac{43}{44}$ matt fine should yet produce – 958 pag$^{o}$ $\frac{2}{3}$ The deceipt must be either in not reporting our Gold to be so fine as it is or should be, or in makeing of these pag$^{o}$ to be finer then they ought to be, which latter appears to be so by the Essay of a Pag$^{o}$ taken in the Tower.

We would that the Mint Master at the Ffort doe keep a book wherein the Alloy that is allowed to every ℔ticular Ingott be put down, that so upon its transcript remitted hither, wee may compare it, and see whither the Alloy allowed by the Sheroffs be to the full amount of what it ought to bear according to the Essay or fineness, y$^{t}$ it is Invoiced at from hence, and that if any Ingott or specie be found not to be so fine with you as it comes Essayed from hence that you then returne us 2 or 3 Dw$^{t}$ of it, that wee may make a further tryall of it, with the amount of what Alloy they allow mentioned therein, and this note to be Attested by the Mint Master and such other as the Company shall appoint.

Wee perceive y$^{e}$ Dutch doe make their Pag$^{o}$ finer then the Standard of the Countrey, & then ours should be made Because the Rents of some Countries are paid in their Pag$^{o}$ in which places ours will not goe, and the Dutch are willing to make theirs finer not onely for their own Conveniency, and that ours in some other Places are better esteemed, but to debase ours.

And when our Sheroffs doe Coine our Gold they take two Policatt Pag$^{o}$ & one Madrass Pag$^{o}$ & melt them down together and with this as a Sample they try all the Gold they Coine that Yeer, which is the reason that yeerly they increase in makeing y$^{e}$ Pag$^{o}$ finer then they ought and this because the Dutch doe it.

It would be acceptable to us to receive a ℔ticular of all the Gold & Silver that is brought thither in each of these five Ships (besides our owne) & by whome laden if it can be.

Wee order you when you Send yo$^{r}$ Generall Accompts to Send over a Rest of all Goods remaining unsold not onely at y$^{e}$ ffort but also at all other ffactories under yo$^{r}$ inspection and to take speciall care to doe this Exactly with the next Shipping and for the future to observe it as a Standing rule every yeer to Send such a Rest.

This yeer Severall Persons have pretended to send out Gold for our Agents Acco$^{ts}$ vizt

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| S$^{r}$ Goddard Nelthorp | 185 oz Gold. |
| M$^{r}$ Earning & M$^{r}$ Cholmley | 686 |
| M$^{r}$ John Cook | 350 |
| Gomez Roiz | 62 |
| | In all—1283. oz |

For all which wee have given liberty but desire hereafter that both our Agent, or any other of our ffactors or Servants that doe send home any thing to their friends & expect returne of it, would let us know from whome & the Quantity, and doe you take care that neither yo$^{r}$Selves nor any of our ffactors doe Colour other mens Goods under their names.

You are to inquire what care is taken for the getting in of the Estates of such of our Servants as dy within the precints of yo$^{r}$ Agency, and by what rule or Authority & on what reason or ground our Purser Generall or Paymaster takes upon him to deduct 5 ℔ ℐt (or any other Sum̃) out of such Estates for the getting in or registring the same, and whither the Same is taken on the whole Estate or onely on the Nett Estate, Debts and Charges being deducted. And whither part of what he so takes, hath not been usually appropriated to the Poor of the hospitall of Poplar, and made good to our Cash for that use.

Wee would have yo$^{u}$ in the answering of our Letters to answer the paragraphs as they ly in Order which will facillitate yo$^{r}$ correspondence.

You will observe a direction wee give to the Bay about Persons deserting their Ships, which doe you also follow, and give the like notice to Metchlepatam.

Upon a Motion of S$^{r}$ Edward Winter, Wee doe ℔mitt his assignes to lade on Board these Returne Ships, Cabinetts Household Goods, & necessaries, not exceeding the quantity of five tonns, hee paying freight for the same, but take Care y$^{t}$ Under Couler hereof, noe prohibited Goods be sent home in the said Cabinetts &c. And soe Wee Comitt you to y$^{e}$ Protection of y$^{e}$ Allmighty, and Remayne,

Yo$^{r}$ : very Loveing ffriends

JN$^{o}$ LAWRENCE. B. E. R. KELLY. [N]ATHANIEL HERNE GOV$^{R.}$

JOHN JOLLIFE JA. EDWARDS. JOHN BANKS. SAM' BARNARDISTON.

JOS$^{A}$ CHILD ARTH. INGRAM. JOHN MOORE.

JOHN LETH[IEULLIER]

THO: PAPILLON SAM MOYER

NATH LETTEN.

JA. HOUBLON JN$^{O.}$ M[ORD]ENS R$^{T.}$ HUTCHINSON.

MICHAELL DAVISON

[CHRIS BOONE.]

Postcript.

If there be any English in those parts more then We have ordered to bee sent home that are not in Our Service, & you thinke fitt to Let them remaine at y$^{e}$ ffort, We would have them enter into Covenants, of which We Send you herewith a Coppy. As to William Perkins if you have not already Sent him home, & he desire to stay, you may let him Continue at his owne Charge till further Order from Us.

## THE HONOBLE: COMPAS: GENLL: TO FORT ST: GEORGE, DATED JUNE YE: 28TH: 1676.

(RECD. IN SURAT YE 27TH JANUARY $16\frac{76}{77}$ RECD MADRASS YE 16 MARCH.)

OUR AGENT & COUNCEL
AT FORT ST GEORGE. London 28th June 1676.

Wee wrote unto you at large concerning our Affaires in ors of the 24th of Decembr by our Ships the Eagle Capt Jam. Bonell ye Johannah Capn Hope for Bendall, the ffalcon Capn John Stafford & the Surrat Merchts: Capn Fran: Johnson & the Mary Capn Math Crover Comandrs, which wee hope by Gods blessing will in due time arrive in safety with you; since which wee have received Doppies of yors via Surratt of the 1st of August & 1st Septem & of 1st. Octobr ꝑ Bombay Mert which arrived here 7th June instant; by which wee take notice of the safe arrivall of the Returne Ct: Atkins Comandr & of or last yeers ships with you, for which wee desire to give praise to ye Almighty.

Wee doe not finde it needfull to give answer to ꝑticulars til wee have further advise from you, and until our next shipping, the cheif end of this our advise being to let you know yt for some yeers past, wee have endeavoured to carry on as full a trade as the vent of East India Goods in Europe would bear. But now we finde by Experience that wee must be necessitated to abate in regard Europe Marketts are clogged, and goods remain upon hand; And though wee canot recall what wee expect by this & next yeers shipping, yet wee have thought fitt to make abatement in the quantities which were advised for to bee sent us the yeer following, which were as followeth vizt.

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| Long Clothes Ordinary ... ... ... ... ... | 70000 peeces. |
| brown ... ... ... ... ... | 10000 |
| fine ... ... ... ... ... ... | 8000 |
| blew ... ... ... ... ... | 6000 |
| without stifning ... ... ... ... | 2000 |
| Sallampores—Ordinary ... ... ... ... ... | 80000 |
| fine ... ... ... ... ... ... | 15000 |
| Parcallaes — fine ... ... ... ... ... ... | 8000 |
| Ginghams — fine ... ... ... ... ... ... | 3000 |
| Metchlepatam Ordinary ... ... ... ... ... | 3000 |
| Ditto — browne ... ... ... ... ... | 1000 |
| Izaree Gingams M ... ... ... ... ... | 1500 |
| Morees —Ordinary ... ... ... ... ... | 6000 |
| ffine ... ... ... ... ... | 3000 |
| —Suꝑfine ... ... ... ... ... | 3000 |
| Betteleez Oringall ... ... ... ... ... | 6000 |
| 25 yards fine ... ... ... ... ... ... | 4000 |
| 20 yards do ... ... ... ... ... ... | 10000 |
| fine brown ... ... ... ... ... ... | 600 |
| Allejaies ... ... ... ... ... ... ... | 6000 |
| Sallowes ... ... ... ... ... ... ... | 1500 |
| Dungarees ... ... ... ... ... ... ... | 20000 |
| Neck clothes each 18 ... ... ... ... ... | 3000 |
| Dyapers ... ... ... ... ... ... ... | 3000 |
| Sail Cloth ... ... ... ... ... ... ... | 20000 |
| Romalls Metchlepatam Cotton ... ... ... ... | 10000 |
| Sannoes ... ... ... ... ... ... ... | 10000 |
| Ginghams coloured ... ... ... ... ... | 10000 |
| Cossaes ... ... ... ... ... ... ... | 15000 |
| Mulmulls ... ... ... ... ... ... ... | 5000 |
| Hum Hums ... ... ... ... ... ... | 2000 |
| Nillaes ... ... ... ... ... ... ... | 10000 |
| Taffaties ... ... ... ... ... ... ... | 31000 |

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| Silk ... ... ... ... ... ... ... | 600 bales. |
| Tincal ... ... ... ... ... ... ... | 140 Duppers. |
| Cotton Yarne ... ... ... ... ... ... | 60 bales. |
| Salt Peter ... ... ... ... ... ... ... | 600 tuns |
| ffloret Yarne ... ... ... ... ... ... | 50 bales. |
| Pegu Sticklack ... ... ... ... ... ... | 100 tuns |
| Romalls Silk ... ... ... ... ... ... | 15000 |

But now wee doe enorder that you provide for that yeer the goods hereafter mentioned and no more viz[t]

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| Long Cloth Ordinary ... ... ... ... ... | 40000 peecs. |
| Do. browne ... ... ... ... ... | 10000 |
| [fi]ne ... ... ... ... ... ... | 4000 |
| blew ... ... ... ... ... ... | 6000 |
| without stifning ... ... ... ... | 2000 |
| Sallampores ordinary ... ... ... ... ... | 40000 |
| fine ... ... ... ... ... ... | 8000 |
| Parcallaes fine ... ... ... ... ... ... | 4000 |
| Ginghams Ord[ry] ... ... ... ... ... | 4000 |
| do brown ... ... ... ... ... | 1000 |
| Izzarees ... ... ... ... ... ... ... | 2000 |
| Morees Ordin[ry] ... ... ... ... ... | 4000 |
| ffine ... ... ... ... ... ... | 2000 |
| Su℔fine ... ... ... ... ... | 1000 |
| Bettelees Oringall ... ... ... ... ... ... | 1000 |
| [2]5 yards long fine ... ... ... ... | 3000 |
| [2]0 yards do ... ... ... ... | 6000 |
| Allejais ... ... ... ... ... ... ... | 4000 |
| Dungarees ... ... ... ... ... ... ... | 12000 |
| Neck clothes each 18 ... ... ... ... ... | 3000 |
| Dyapers ... ... ... ... ... ... ... | 2000 |
| Sail Cloth ... ... ... ... ... ... ... | 10000 |
| Romalls Cotton Metchlepat̃ ... ... ... ... | 10000 |
| Bay Bengala Sannoes if to be barter[d] for ℳloth & to be bought 50 ℔ ℳt cheap[r] then formerly, els none. | 8000 |
| Ginghams coloured ... ... ... | 10000 |
| Cossaes ... ... ... ... | 10000 |
| Bay Bengala Mulmulls ... ... ... ... ... | 3000 peeces. |
| Romulls Silk ... ... ... ... | 12000 |
| Nillaes ... ... ... ... ... | 10000 |
| Taffaties—so as they be of good blacks Colours & whites according to o[r] form[r] advices. | 31000 |
| Humhums ... ... ... ... ... | 2000 |
| Silk if good & procurable at reasonable prices ... ... | 600 bales. |
| Tincal ... ... ... ... ... ... ... | 140 Duppers. |
| Salt Peter ... ... ... ... ... ... ... | 600 tuns. |
| ffloret yarne ... ... ... ... ... ... | 50 bales. |
| Pegu Sticklack ... ... ... ... ... ... | 100 tunns. |

In the buying whereof you must have special care that the same be al good, well made and Cheap bought, for the Marketts falling and wee standing in Competition with other Nations must have them so or els wee shall not be able long to continue our trade, touching which wee have formerly written at large ℔ticularly in ours of 24 Decemb̃ 1675 which orders as to their Lengths bredths goodnes and prices (as we hope you have already observed them so) wee doe require that you doe it in provideing of these goods, which wee now give Order for. And in regard wee have altered the quantities in the whole—you may be at Some uncertainty what to provide of those sorts at Metchlepat[a]; Wee therefore direct, that of the 40000 peeces of Long Cloth you provide 8000 peecs there, and of the 4000 peecs of fine Long

Cloth that you provide 2000 peeces there, and of the 40000 peeces of Sallampores Ordin$^{ry}$ that you provide 10000 peeces there and of the 8000 peeces of f[ine] Sallampores that you provide 2000 of them at the ffort, and let them be N$^{o}$: 20 or 21 or rather finer, and the other 6000 peeces at Metchlepatam; & of the 4000 peeces of fine Parcallaes that you provide 2000 at the ffort and 2000 at Metchlepatam.

Wee intend to give no Order for provideing any Cargo for Bantam in regard goods from yo$^{r}$ Parts have come to such bad Marketts there, neither shall wee clog you with Europe Comodities, but supply you according to advises wee shall receive from you.

As wee have considered of abateing the quantity of Goods So wee have of what Shipping may be necessary and what Stock for provideing these Goods, and doe intend to send you out about 1600 tunns in shipping.

And wee require you to reduce O$^{r}$ Stock into ready Money by getting in the Debts & selling o$^{r}$ goods, that you may goe on with the Ordered Investments at the Fort Metchlep$^{a}$: and in the Bay, for that in these trouble some times, wee intend onely to send out so much Stock (computeing what you will have remaining) as wee shall finde necessary for payment of what wee have now enordered, and the begiñing Investments for another Yeer, And you are to take care that it be done in a special manner in the Bay, where wee suppose the greatest part of Stock will remain of any place under yo$^{r}$ Agency, and that they punctually observe o$^{r}$ Orders aforesaid both in provideing of Silks, Silk, Callicoe, Salt Petre &c, wee comend you and our affaires to the guidance & protection of y$^{e}$ Almighty & remain

Yo$^{r}$ very Loveing ffriends

WILL THOMSON Gov$^{r}$

MATH ANDREWES — JOHN LETHIEULLIER — JA EDWARDS Dy. Gov$^{r}$

JA HOUBLON

CHARLES THOROLD — JN$^{o}$ LAWRENCE.

CHRIS BOONE.

JOHN BATHURST — JOHN MOORE.

NATH LETTEN — ROWLAND WINN

JOHN JOLLIFE. — DANIELL SHELDON

JN$^{o}$ MORDENS — THO: CANHAM

EDWARD RUDGE.

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## COPY OF THE COMP$^{AS}$: GENERALL OVERLAND DAT: 4$^{TH}$ AUG$^{ST}$: 1676 N$^{O}$. 3

OUR AGENT & COUNCELL

AT FORT S$^{T}$. GEORGE. London—4$^{th}$ August 1676.

The foregoeing is Copy of our Letter 28$^{th}$ June last Overland, which wee sent by three severall conveyances for Aleppo, since which wee have received yo$^{rs}$ of severall dates by our five ships the Loyal Subject, the Success the Ann the Unity and Sam$^{l}$ & Henry, which praised be God are arrived in Safety with us viz$^{t}$ the Loy$^{l}$ Subiect the 23 July, and the other 4 the 1$^{st}$ instant; But we are troubled to finde that they have so much dead ffreight, especially considering the full advice wee gave you what to doe in case you should want ladeing, for although you wish you had had some provisionall Order or Authority, either for buying up such gruff goods as the Countrey afforded or els to have sent one or more of the Ships for Bantam with their Petre, yet if you again ℞use our Letter of the 23$^{th}$ Decembr 1674 by the same Ships, you will finde ample and full directions both as to the provideing of goods to make up their Ladeing or for Sending one of them for Bantam in case it was wanting, which was the contents of two of the Paragraphs of that Letter which wee think good here to recite viz$^{t}$.

In regard wee doe send about 200000$^{li}$ Stock this yeer for the Coast and Bay, that wee might not have too great an adventure in one Bottom, and have the greater Strength, wee have entertained a greater quantity of shipping then the Tunnage wee have written for will lade according to the Estimate of the Tunnage here inclosed, and therefore upon the first arrivall of our ships, wee would have you to compute what Tuñage you can lade at the Fort & Metchlep$^{a}$ and then write effectually to the Bay That they doe take care to provide the rest, and if they cañot provide the full ladeing for the ships in the goods wee have given Order for that then they doe make up the Tincall 20 or 30 Tuns and to buy of the best dry & whitest Sugar 20 or 40 Tunns in Bales, and if they can buy Cotton yarne That is Single reeled, that is with one Thred and not with more, that they buy 100 bales, but if they cañot procure that is single reeled let them buy none, for if they shall instead of single reeled send us other, wee must place it to their Accompt, and for what shall yet be wanting to compleat the Tunnage that you advise them for, Let them compleat it with Turmerick and the best blackest Sticklack procureable in Bales but not to shoot any, and 30 or 40 Tuns of Bees wax, takeing speciall care that it be good and clean free from Sophistication with Meate Tallow or any other thing — And the other Clause was.

Whilst wee are in writeing of these Letters, wee have received advices from the Bay by [a] Letter to our President &c at Surratt dated the 19$^{th}$ January 1673, wherein they acquaint us what great obstructions they have met with at Pattana in the procureing and bringing down of Salt Petre, and what great Loss wee have susteined thereby, In a preceeding Clause, wee have wrote you to give them such instructions for the begetting a good understanding between the Governors and them, or for the obtaining a new Phyrmand, if you should finde it absolutely necessary as you should think fit, and therefore shall say no more of it here, but the hinderance of Petre comeing down, may occasion the want of ladeing of o$^{r}$ shipping, though wee hope they have so removed the said obstructions as that they have the said quantity of that Comodity in a readiness, which wee have given Orders for, and that they will not want ladeing for our ships, However give them directions at the arrivall of our Ships with them, Seriously to consider what Tunnage our Ships will require, and what they have to lade, and if they finde that notwithstanding their useing their utmost endeavors to provide according to the preceeding directions and the additionall Orders in Turmerick Sticklack &c. That yet there will be wanting 500 tuns, That in such case they forthwith send one of our Ships with 16 or 20 ℔$^{ts}$ of her Tuñage in Salt petre to Bantam; But if upon reasonable Estimate they shall finde that our Ships may want about 20 or 30 tuns each, that then they equally distribute their ladeing that they may come the more Jocund through the Seas and not send any of them to Bantam.

And wee would have them further consider if the keeping of one ship till about the begiñing of January may procure her Ladeing, In such case wee would have them dispatch the other in time, and detein one ship, and lade her with something more then a proporconable part of silk and fine goods that our Adventure may be equally divided, in regard they will have no Callicoes from the Coast, and Let her come directly from the Bay to England without touching at the Coast for the retarding of her voyage, wee doe give you directions in all these ℔ticulars not knowing how things may stand with you, and that you may not be at an uncertainty what to doe.

And for buying of Rice & Cotton, our former advices to fill up our ships with any thing that would pay the Freight, might have been sufficient direction to you to have bought those ℳomodities, which would have cost so little and have prevented so great a Loss, especially you haveing neglected to send one of them for Bantam according to our Order, which clauses wee recite tha you may see what damage you have occasioned by not observing o$^{r}$ Order.

Wee take notice in the Bay Letter, that they write they could have sent us more Taffaties & Silk, if they had had money, wee have not yet our Bookes come up, and so know not what stock you sent, but hope you did supply them with that which was

sufficient, and then you must blame them that they did not endeavour to procure the Comodities wee enordered, For though they had not iust then ready money for a months time, yet haveing such a quantity of goods, they might have contrived to have been supplied for so short a time rather then to disappoint us of our said Investments, and concerning which you must give them full directions, that they may not pretend such excuses hereafter.

Wee finde by our Invoices That there is great quantities of Sannoes sent us and but few Cossaees, Nillaes & Hum Hums which gives us ground to suspect, that there hath been practices between our ffactors and some in our ships for the selling unto them what goods are brought for us, for that they might know the one was a bad Comodity and the other the more desireable; And wee gave order but for 10000 Sannoes, and wee finde about 4 times that quantity, and yet they complain for want of Stock, which had the overplus been invested in Taffaties Cossaes &c it would have been agreeable to our Order, wee would have you strictly to examine this busines and give us an Accompt thereof, And require them that they doe not detein o$^{r}$ ships so long for time to come before they dispatch them from thence, ffor if they are belated with goods, they should have deteined one and sent her directly from the Bay, as wee directed in the foregoing clause, rather then that all of them should be kept so late, or that they should send up goods after the ship unto you in small vessells.

There are many ℔ticulars in yo$^{r}$ Letter of great concernment, which wee forbear to make answer to at ℔sent, but intend to doe it fully by our shipping, these serving cheifly (as in our foregoeing wee have acquainted you) to direct what Investments wee would have made for the ensueing yeer, and to advise the arrivall of our Shipping, Wee desire therefore that especiall care be taken for disposall of all our Europe goods at the best rate you can, and for getting in what Debts are standing out, and turning them into ready money, and proceeding to make our enordered Investments, and that no part of our Stock be imbezled or laid out in the building of Boates or Vessells, or any other way more then what is of absolute necessity.

Wee take notice of what Comodities you write for and shall send you no more goods then what may probably finde a vent, And although wee have directed severall goods to be provided at Metchlep$^{a}$ yet wee require you that care be taken, that what moneys are sent down thither or into the Bay, be really invested, and not deteined or made use of for private Accompt, and wee in the mean while be thereby disappointed of due returnes, and let directions be given them in the Bay that they buy no Cotton yarne, though they apprehend it to be reeled according to our former Order, Wee have delivered the Dutch Pacquet you sent us into the Post house to be conveyed for Holland, So comending you and our Affaires to the guidance and protection of the Almighty, Wee rest

Your very Loveing ffriends.

P. Script.

For the 3000 Betteleez of 25 yards Long and the 6000 of 20 yards Long, which are mention$^{d}$ in the Copy next to the Oringall Betteleez You are to take especiall notice that they are not to be Oringall but fine and cleer of the lengths mentioned in Copy, and to see that the same be provided and sent accordingly.

### Orders of Court restraining the Ladeing of Treasure by Adventur$^{rs}$: Owners Comand$^{rs}$: &c. & prohibition to Captains to receive any or give bills of Ladeing

By the Court of Comittees held on the 13$^{th}$ day of August 1675.

Resolved, that noe persons whatsoever other than such as are Freemen & Adventurers in the General joint stock of this Company, or Owners of Shipping in joint stock, be permitted to send out on the Companies Shipping that are or shal be sent for the Coast of Chormandol or Bay of Bengala any Bullion or Treasure in Gold or Silver.

BY THE COURT OF COMITTEES HELD ON THE 24TH DAY OF NOVEMBER 1675.

It is ordered, that all persons who are permitted to export Bullion or Treasure on the Companies shipping for the Coast and Bay, doe signe the Affirmacon following, viz[t].

I. A B. by the oath I have taken as a freeman of the East India Comp[a] doe declare that the abovesaid treasure to be transported is for my own proper acco[t], and that noe other person either hath or shall have directly or indirectly any share or interest therein; and that the proceed & profit thereof is to be invested in India, and to be brought home for my own proper adventure & accompt, and that the profit thereof in England is to be for my own proper accompt.

And that Samuel South doe receive such subscripcons and file them on a file, and enter them in a book for that purpose; and take care to exaion [whatsoever] [the said] person or persons so subscribing that Note be at [present an] Adventurer or Adventurers in the Gnall joint Stock & [*a word lost*] [Com]pany, & under the usual oath of Freemen: And that [finding them] so qualified he doe then give him or them a note directed [to the] [*a word or two lost*] hire to receive freight & permission to lade the same treasure. And [*a word lost*] the Cashire doe not receive or give [receipt or certificate for] any freight or permission before he have such note [*a few words lost*] warrant him therein. And that [*a few words lost*] time the 18th [*a few words lost*] the Affirmacon abovesaid, from henceforth affirm, That the adventures by them bought such a day are really & bonâ fide for their own proper acc[o] & for the acco[t] of noe other person whatsoever.

And it is also ordered, That M[r]. Sprigg & his Assistant doe not permit any entries of Gold or Silver at the Custom house by any Comand [capt[n].] or Seaman for their own acc[o], or for the acc[o] of any the Own[rs] of Shipping bound for India nor to be shipt on board without special order of Court.

And it is further ordered, that the Comittees for the Treary [*a word lost*] y[e] delivery of any Diamonds or other fine Goods y[t] shall come from India consigned to any Freemen, require & take an affirmacon under their hands declaring that y[e] said Diamonds, or other goods are for their own proper acc[o], or that they declare for whose acc[o] they are, To the end the Comp[a] may not be defrauded of the 4 ℔ ℳt due from fforeigners [as] freight & permission for lading the same.

Resolved, That all persons being Freemen & Advent[rs] be permitted to ship out for y[e] Coast & Bay to the value of what their principal Stock paid in amounts unto, & noe more; So as their said Stock exceede not £1000: And where any Advent[rs] Stock exceeds that summ, yet they shall not be ℔mitted to send out more than One thousand pounds.

AT A COURT OF COM[TEES] HELD ON 8TH NOVEMBER 1676.

On reading a Report from the Com[tees] for Shipping touching the limitacon fit to be made to the Own[rs] & Comand[rs] of Shipping in exporting of bullion for India (which follows in her verba,) the Court approved thereof viz[t].

In pursuance of an order of Court of the 3[d] instant, we have considered of y[e] limitacon fit to be made to the Owners of Shipping in joint Stock in their exportacon of treasure for India: and upon consideracon thereof had are of opinion That [℔]mission be granted to the Owners in Chre℔ty [of] the deck Ships in joint stock to export Two thousand [four hundred] of two deck Ships Fifteen hundred [*a few words lost*] [fi]rmacon in like manner as the [*a few words lost*] that the same is for y[e] proper acc[o] of the [*a few words lost*] joint stock in the proporcons they have in the Ships

[*a word or two lost*] of noe other whatsoever: And also that the Commands [*a word or two lost*] ships be permitted to [carry out for their own, their Officers, [*a word or two lost*] Sea[men's] acco[ts] to the value of £800: each Ship the [Comand[r]] [*a word or two lost*] each Ship they [*a word or two lost*] [the Own[r]: and that al] [*a few words lost*] Order of Court.

AT A COURT OF COMITTEES HOLDEN 8TH DECEMBER 1676.

It is ordered, that the Comm̃and[rs] of the Ships Coesar, New London, and Bengala Merchant respectively, their Pursers & Officers be required to receive noe Bullion or Treasure on board, nor to signe or give bill of lading for the same, but what shal be certified by M[r] Francis Thompson to have been allowed by order of this Court.

ACC[TT] OF GOODS WANTING IN SEṼALL BALES OPENED AT LEADEN HALL WHICH WERE SOLD TO SEV[ALL] PERSONS, WHO HAD ALLOWANCE AT Y[E] RATE THEY PAID THE COMPANY.

LEADEN HALL 1676 SEPT[R]. SALE.

Goods Wanting in Bales Opened in y[e] Warehowse w[ch] were Sold to Sevall persons who had Allowance. ffor them at y[e] Rate they paid y[e] Company.

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| Oct | 6 | ... Sup[s] Robd | Ald̃ Bathurst... | 6 | D[o] | C. | 9 | Unity ... | | 17 | 0 | Noe Tickett | 05 | 02 | 00 |
| Nov. | 14 | ... | M[r] Alveres ℔ M[r]. Gomsera. | 2 | D[o] | C. | 9 | Sam[ll] & Hen. | | 16 | 8 | | 01 | 13 | 04 |
| Dec̃. | 1 | ... | M[r] Alvares ℔ D[o] | 6 | D[o] | C. | 9 | D[o] | | 16 | 6 | Tho Paice... | 04 | 19 | 00 |
| | 18 | ... | M[r] Fentsell ... | 4 | Ginghs Coll̃. | C. | 5 | Unity .... | | 15 | 2 | Ed. Bugden. | 03 | 00 | 08 |
| Jañ. | 15 | ... Sup[s] Robd | Ald̃ Bathurst... | 6 | Nillaes | C. | 9 | D[o] ... | | 17 | 0 | D[o] | 05 | 02 | 00 |
| ffeb. | 8 | ... Sup[s] Robd | D[o] | 9 | Sannoes | C. | 9 | D[o] ... | | 8 | 2 | D[o] | 03 | 13 | 06 |

LEADEN HALL 167[8/9] MARCH SALE.

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| March | 16 | ... | M[r] Day | 5 | Ginghs Col | A | 5 | Ann | 15. | 0 | Ed Bugden | | 03 | 15 | 00 |
| | 21 | ... | M[r] Acton | 3 | Nillaes | C | 9 | D[o] | 16. | 10 | Tho Paice ... | | [02 | 10 | 06] |
| | 24 | ... | M[r] Lenude | 6 | Sannoes | C | 1 | D[o] | 8. | 5 | Ed Bugden... | | [02 | 10 | 06] |
| | 26 | ... | M[r] Depremont. | 2 | D[o] | C | 2 | Success | 9. | 2 | D[o] ... | | 00 | 18 | 04 |
| | 26 | ... | M[r] Lenude | 6 | Sannoes | A | 1 | Sam[ll] & Hen[r]. | 8. | 7 | D[o] ... | | 02 | 11 | 06 |
| | 26 | ... | M[r] Acton | 4 | Nillaes | C | 9 | Ann | 16. | 10 | Tho Paice | | 03 | 07 | 04 |
| | 27 | ... | M[r] Paige | 2 | Sannoes | C | 2 | D[o] | 9. | 3 | Ed Bugden... | | 00 | 18 | 06 |
| | 27 | ... | M[r] Gonsales | 14 | D[o] | B | 4 | Unity | 8. | 10 | D[o] ... | | 06 | 03 | 08 |
| | 29 | ... | M[r] Collins | 6 | Ging[s] Coll̃ | B | 5 | Success | 14. | 8 | D[o] ... | | 03 | 10 | 10 |
| | 30 | ... | M[r] Scudamore. | 1 | Nillae | B | 9 | D[o] | 18. | 2 | Tho Paice ... | | 00 | 18 | 02 |
| | 30 | ... | M[r] Alveres ℔ M[r] Gomsera. | 5 | Ginghs Coll̃ | C | 5 | D[o] | 14. | 2 | Ed Bugden... | | 03 | 10 | 10 |
| | 31 | ... | M[r] Breerwood ℔ M[r] Phips. | 4 | Nillaes | B | 9 | Unity | 18. | 6 | D[o] ... | | 03 | 14 | 00 |
| | 31 | ... | M[r] Decosta | 10 | Sannoes | B | 4 | D[o] | 8. | 10 | D[o] ... | | 04 | 08 | 04 |
| Apr[ll] | 19 | ... | M[r] Woolley ℔ Francia. | 6 | D[o] | A | 4 | Success | 10. | 8 | D[o] ... | | 03 | 04 | 00 |
| May | 8 | ... | M[r] Acton | 6 | Nillaes | C | 9 | Ann | 16. | 10 | Tho. Paice ... | | 01 | 09 | 04 |
| | 16 | ... | M[r] Miranda | 4 | Ging[s] Coll̃ | C | 5 | D[o] | 14. | 2 | Ed. Bugden. | | 02 | 16 | 08 |
| | | Sup[s] Robd | D[o] | 2 | D[o] | C | 5 | Success | 14. | 8 | Tho. Paice ... | | 01 | 09 | 04 |

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| June | 15 | ... | Ald J. Bathurst | ... | ... | 10 | Sannoes | C | 3 | Ann | ... | 8. | 4 | Tho. Paice | ... | 04 | 03 | 04 |
| July | 16 | .. | D° | ... | ... | 7 | D° | C. | 2 | Success... | | 9. | 2 | Ed Bugden | ... | 03 | 04 | 02 |

1677—Leaden Hall—Sep[r] Sale.

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| [Sept]21 | ... | Sup[s] Robd | M[r] Masters | ... | 9 | Nillaes | B | 9 | Johanna | 17. | 4 | Ed. Bugden | ... | 07 | 16 | 00 |
| | | | M[r] Ongley | ... | 5 | Humh[s] | B | 8 | D° | 16. | 2 | D° | ... | 04 | 10 | 00 |
| 22 | ... | | M[r] Waystaff ℔ M[r] Trinder. | | 8 | D° | A | 8 | Eagle ... | 16. | 2 | D° | ... | 06 | 09 | 04 |
| | | | M[r] Heape | ... | 9 | Ginghs Coll | C. | 5 | Johanna. | 13. | 2 | D° | ... | 05 | 18 | 06 |
| 24 | ... | | M[r] Brough | ... | 8 | D° | B. | 5 | D° | 14. | 2 | D° | ... | 05 | 13 | 04 |
| 25 | ... | | M[r] Waystaff | ... | 10 | Humh[s] | A | 8 | Eagle ... | 16. | 2 | | .. | 08 | 01 | 08 |
| 25 | ... | | M[r] Scriven ℔ M[r] Jn° Hull. | | 10 | Nillaes | B | 9 | Johanna. | 17 | 4 | D° | ... | 08 | 17 | 04 |
| | | | M[r] Scriven ℔ Do | | 8 | D° | B | 9 | D° | 17. | 4 | D° | ... | 06 | 18 | 8 |
| 26 | ... | | M[r] Cutlove | ... | 8 | Ginghs Coll | C. | 5 | D° | 13. | 4 | D° | ... | 05 | 06 | 8 |
| 27 | ... | | M[r] Decosta | ... | 10 | Sannoes | B | 10 | Eagle ... | 14. | 2 | D° | ... | 09 | 01 | 8 |
| | | | D° | ... | 8 | Cassaes | C. | 6 | Johanna. | 26. | 6 | D° | ... | 10 | 12 | 0 |
| Octob | 1 | ... | D° | ... | 17 | Sannoes | B. | 10 | Eagle ... | 14. | 2 | Noe Name | ... | 12 | 10 | 00 |
| | 2 | ... | M[r] Scriven | ... | 8 | Killaes | B | 9 | Johanna. | 17. | 4 | Ed. Bugden | ... | 06 | 18 | [8] |
| | 4 | ... | M[r] Gomesera ℔ Alvares. | | 1 | Sannoe | B | 7 | Eagle ... | 13. | 2 | D° | ... | 00 | 13 | 2 |
| | 5 | ... | M[r] ffentsell | ... | 8 | Ginghs Coll | A | 5 | Johanna. | 15. | 2 | D° | ... | 06 | 01 | 4 |
| | 11 | ... | M[r] Masters ℔ M[r] Shute. | | 8 | Nillaes | B. | 9 | D° | 17. | 4 | D° | ... | 06 | 18 | 8 |
| | | | Sup[s] Robd Ald Bathurst | | 27 | Romalls | B. | 11 | D° | 22. | 0 | D° | ... | 29 | 14 | 0 |
| | | | M[r] Phips ℔ M[r] Preston. | | 10 | Ginghs Coll | B. | 5 | D° | 14. | 2 | D° | ... | 07 | 01 | 8 |
| | 16 | ... | M[r] Ongley | ... | 10 | D° | C. | 5 | D° | 13. | 2 | D° | ... | 06 | 11 | 8 |
| | 20 | ... | M[r] Phips | .. | 5 | Humh[s] | C. | 8 | D° | 16. | 0 | D° | ... | 04 | 00 | 0 |
| | | | M[r] Breerwood. | | 10 | Nillaes | C. | 9 | D° | 15. | 6 | D° | ... | 07 | 15 | 0 |
| | | | M[r] Loyd ℔ S[r] Pati Ward. | | 1 | Cassae | B. | 6 | D° | 28. | 0 | Noe Ticket | ... | 01 | 08 | 0 |
| | 26 | ... | M[r] Phips | ... | 14 | Ginghs Coll | B. | 5 | D° | 14. | 2 | Ed. Bugden | ... | 09 | 18 | 4 |
| Decem | 6 | ... | M[r] Breerwood. | | 9 | Nillaes | B. | 9 | D° | 17. | 4. | D° | ... | 07 | 16 | 0 |
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## [COPY OF THE COMPANY'S GENERAL LETTER TO THE AGEN[T] & COUNCELL AT FORT S[T] GEORGE, DATED 15[TH] DECEMBER 1676]

Our Agent & Councell
at Fort S[t] George. London 15 December 1676.

Our last were of y[e] 28 June & 4 Aug[st]: Overland transcripts whereof we herew[th] send you and now we come to answ[r] your Severall lrs of y[e] 16 July 31 Aug[st]: 1[st]: 7ber 1[st]: & 3: 8br, 19br 1[st]: & 22Xber y[e] 11: 15: 25: 27: 31 Jan[ry] & 2 Feb[ry]: recd Over Land and by our Severall shipps w[ch] pleased God to Arive in Safety w[th] Us we wrote you Largly by our last Years shiping and by our Instructions to M[r] Masters in w[ch] we gaive Ample directions for y[e] better Mannageing our Affairs unto w[ch]: wee expect a Punctuall Complyance & Especially y[e] full Ladeing and Quick dispatch of our Shipps and y[t] due care hath been taken as to y[e] Quallity of y[e] goods According to y[e] directions wee have often given You. We have Advice of the safe Arrivall of our Ship Return at Surrat for w[ch] wee desire to render thanks to the Almighty the President and Councell did not think fitt to send here home this Yeare we doe not Approve of Your Sending Any ℔sons to S[t] Helena Against there wills. One

of them you sent theither Makes A great Complaint and wee have orderd his liberty to return Againe if he desires it, for wee know not w^t effect ~may have if Complaint should be made to y^t King that wee send Away the Natives besids y^t it is against our inclinacons to buy Any blacks and to Transport them from there Wives and Children w^thout there owne Consents, We Note what reply you make to y^e Complaints of our Agent and Councell at Bantam, about the ill Quallity of y^e goods sent y^m w^ch doth not satisfye Us for y^t wee Attribute the little Success wee have in y^t Trade, to y^e great Trade driven from your Parts to Bantam by some of our owne Serv^ts at Each place though Coverd under y^e Names of the King of Bantam, Verona, and others about w^ch wee wrote You fully and doe expect A Satisfactory Reply thereunto and wee must lett You know y^e great trade driven for y^t and other places in Callicoes both from y^e ffort and Metchlep^a wee lookt upon as one great Reason y^t you complyed not w^th our Orders in Sending us y^e full Quantitys of Callicoes to our very great ℔judice concerning w^ch wee may write you more in an after Clause.

The Bombay Praised be God Arived Safe at Bantam and from thence to Us.

That you gave M^r Puckle A reseption suitable to his Quallity, is well pleaseing to us & wee expect by y^e next shipps a full Accompt of all thing committed to his care.

We have taken Notice of your contracts in buying & selling of goods by consultacon, Agreeable to our orders & doe direct for y^e future that all payments and disposeall of our Money and Bullion be likewise don by Consultation both at y^e ffort, and all Subordinate ffactorys.

What Imunityes y^e Dutch Obteyne wee desire to have y^e knowledge of and doe hope that you will prevent Any to be granted them in our Prejudice.

We cannot but take Notice of your reply to y^e Complaint wee made of y^e Callicoes Sent Us home in y^e Yeare 1672 & 1673 and must tell you that it is unbecomeing you and Us also to receive for wee judge it not from Any Information from thence but from what we experimentally found here and wee would have you consider when you reply to our Irs as well who maks it as those who are to receive it for were wee as apt to beleive ill of our Agent and Councell as they it seems are bold to doe of Us wee have more grounds to Write y^m in a hygh Stile then they have ℔sumed to doe to Us and for y^e future wee expect that you Manage yo^r Pen w^th M[ore] Respect and this may Serve in Answer to your 6 : 7 : 8 : 9 : & 10 paragraphs of your Ire of 1 Novemb·

When you come to y^e Matter itselfe wee are willing to heare Any Reason you offer amonge others wee Observe y^t one You give of Verona &c being discouraged was y^e Sricktness of y^e sorting after M ^r Sawce[rs] Ariveall notwithstanding how ill You had represented him before w^ch wee Note to Lett you see how Little you consider what You write and from y^e difficulty You ℔tend Verona &c^a make wee Againe recommend it unto You Seriously to consider y^e inconveniancy that Attend our Trade by depending on one or few and that You would in tyme provide Against it by giveing due encouragement to all Merchants to provide and bring in Such Callicoes as are fitt for our purpose, for as You Represent y^e Matter [*a word lost*] us, should Verona be Obstinate or w^ch : must be one day did wee see not how you should be Supplyed for dispatch of our shipps, and wee cannot beleive y^t Any Trade in Any Part can be at Such A pass as to depend Solely on y^e humoure or life of Any One ℔son and every Mans experyance must tell him that the More Sellers there are of any Commodity the greater is y^e Advantage to y^e buyers and if the Dutch and ffrench doe court Verona Soe hyghly as you pretend it is y^e Advantage you have given him by Letting him Soe Many Years, grow and Remayne Master of y^t Trade & therefore it is More then tyme to provide Against the consequence of this Mischeife Least y^e continuance put it beyond Remedy and give y^e Dutch an Advantage when he dyes that you will not be Able to retrieve and we recomend this y^e rather because either he or You from him Seeme to threaten us in yo^r : 21 paragra^h w^ch : his Many and greate governments and y^r Advantages he May make by his Removeall when as wee are of Opinion his Advantages by Remayning at Madrass are greater then will bee ℔mitted him Else where, and

though possibly he may be tempted by greate proposealls or at least pretended to make you alarme us, yet should he remove he would find ꝑformances to fall short as others have don that have dealt w$^{th}$ y$^{e}$ People You Name but however this humoure of his ought to causion Us provide Against it and wee would have You consider Seryously of w$^{t}$ we Now and have formerly Writ on this subject and have recommended it in ꝑticuler in our Instructions to M$^{r}$ Masters and M$^{r}$ Puckle and give Us your opinion how our Affayrs may be Managed w$^{th}$ out being subject to y$^{e}$ Capricious of such a Man and to give all fayre encouragem$^{t}$ for introduceing of others to w$^{ch}$ we expect a Full Answer.

As to y$^{e}$ Customs You doe not Answer us as You Ought but only plead for Verona could you make it Appeare that wee have Any Advantage by his paying Less Customs then others doe, you had said somewhat but the Truth is you are Soe much Concerned to defend and Mayntayne his Interest that You neglect to give Us y$^{e}$ Satisfaction wee Require in y$^{t}$ case and y$^{s}$ May Serve in Answer to Veronas Letter till wee heare further from you About it, w$^{ch}$ wee Require you to send Us by y$^{e}$ next. We Observe y$^{e}$ Slite Answer You make in his behalfe Aboute y$^{e}$ Callicoes sold M$^{r}$ Scudamore wee expect You make it us good and Lett him receive Satisfaction of y$^{e}$ Brooker for these Are Practicies wee cannot pass by.

Being You cañot procure any Agra Indico, wee now send you on Each Shipp one Barrell and order You to take care that y$^{e}$ enorderd blew Long Cloth be dyed therew$^{th}$ According to former direction and y$^{e}$ Patterne Now sent You wee find y$^{e}$ Dutch have there Dyers and Painters on y$^{e}$ Coast and [wee] know noe Reason why wee may Not have our buisness as well donn as they, if the ꝑsons wee Employ were disposed to it.

In the 31 Paragraph You seeme to lay upon Metchlepatam y$^{e}$ fault we Complayned of y$^{t}$ y$^{e}$ Bay wanted Duplicates of our ~~lrs~~ by y$^{e}$ [*a word frayed away*] Shipps but we expect that you take care y$^{t}$ our Orders be complyed w$^{th}$ by all Subordinate ffactorys and y$^{t}$ they fayleing of there Dutys to Observe our Gen$^{ll}$ Rules y$^{t}$ you give us Notice of it,

Tho goods and stores that You desire, you will find this Yeare are Sent you as ꝑ Invoyce.

As to M$^{r}$ Jearsey wee wonder at y$^{e}$ Slite Answer you give referring Us to Metchlep$^{a}$ from whome you know wee have had Noe Satisfactory Account of Any proceedings Nor Any letter from y$^{e}$ Comm$^{rs}$: and you ought to have inspected into y$^{t}$ Affayre of M$^{r}$ Jearsey so as to have given Us due informacon y$^{t}$ we might have don what is Just there in, but we find you willingly Slide over Anything of difficulty & Leave People to Clamoure Against Us wee doe possitively order you to make A due and true examination of that buisness and state y$^{t}$ Accompt by ~~examinacon~~ of all ꝑsons and Books and send it over According to directions given 23 Xber 1674 that if Anything be due to him wee may doe him Right and to give you some light into this Affaire wee herew$^{th}$ send You some Objections Against him and Some ꝑticulers of his Accompt and when wee Receive y$^{e}$ true state of y$^{e}$ said Accompt from you wee shall consider what further directions to give therein.

As to M$^{r}$ Fleetwoods you Also Referr us to y$^{e}$ Commis$^{rs}$ of Metchlep$^{a}$ surely you have Very slite opinion of us to think such an Answer will satisfye when you know that wee had Noe Lre from y$^{m}$ and if they had writen one you ought to have Seen it and given Us Your sence of it, but Aboute him and farming of Towns wee Wrote You fully y$^{e}$ last Yeare and till wee have your Answer wee can say noe More Only add this further Causion y$^{t}$ if you shall think fitt to ꝑmitt Any Towns to be farmed for Us or Any in our Service to consider whether in case of Death y$^{e}$ King will not ꝑtend himselfe heire and Possess all y$^{e}$ Estate in y$^{e}$ hands of them that Shall be imployed in Manageing thereof for if it bee Soe wee Apprehend it unsafe to meddle therew$^{th}$.

When we Require Acco$^{t}$ of You of our Chaplains on the Coast and Bay You only tell Us if there be Any Scandall in them twill be wrote Us from Metchlep$^{a}$ and y$^{e}$ Bay As if y$^{t}$ Were A discharge of your Duty when as wee have Made all in those places

[S]ubordinate to You, and you Complayne, of Contumacy in Some of y^m^ and yett will not Act your ℔ts to keep you in y^t^ due Order M^r^ Prindle hath not made Any Clamour Against you of w^ch^ you were Soe Jealouse and we hope he had Noe Cause.

We expect the New Covenants for our Serv^ts^ y^t^ are come of Age According to directions given.

If Richard Thead and others wee orderd home in 167[4] and 1675 be not come Away wee possitively order there returne by these Shipps w^th^out any excuse and the Non ℔formance wee shall Esteem A Contempt of Us and our Orders and to this wee expect a Satisfactory Answer and Complyance.

We have Againe by Cap^t^ Browne in y^e^ Ann recd y^e^ fine ffort S^t^ George Pag^o^ of last Years Coynage Togeather w^th^: y^t^ peice or lymp of Matt Gold w^ch^ Weighd exactly as they Should 11^d^: 10 each ℔cell but in y^e^ paper w^th^ the Essay Peice of Matt Gold wee found a small ℔cl Round Arum of y^e^ same Gold that Weighed thre grayns Over and Above if this came in by chance it Argu^es^ Necligence in those y^t^ Made it up but if twere ℔^t^ of y^e^ same peece when twas Weighed or if Seperate from the peece but yet Weighed w^th^ it' then it is 3 g^r^ heavier then it ought to be and yet our ℔judice if that prove Soe, will be little less by the Over fineness also, of these two ℔cells w^ch^ are Reported but one Carrat worse then Standard whereas all that were tryed last Yeare came out 1: Carrot 0¾ gr worse whereof wee did then Complayne as finding that to be $\frac{9}{10}$ ℔ts of a Carrot finer then it ought we should Scarce have Creditted this Report if it had not been tryed fewer tymes and y^t^ we find your shroffs doe growe upon you two fast in these as wee May feare they will doe in other ℔ticuler if not well lookt After for ℔useing y^e^ records of two form^r^ Years we find those Pag^os^: to be Reported one Carret one g^r^: and Sometyms 1 Carr 1 g^r^ ¼ worse and seldome or none less worse then Carr: 0¾ g^r^: wee wrote you Soe large and soe ℔ticular last Yeare on this Subject as we shall not add untill Your Answer thereto w^ch^ wee hope will be Yet further Reconsciling and Satisfactory to You and to Us also in Cleareing the Misunderstanding w^ch^ have been heretofore in these Matters.

We have been hindred in our intentions of sending You this Yeere our Gold allayd as Neare as might bee to Your Matt [of 20] Carrot [0$\frac{7}{10}$] y^e^ fine or Rather 1 Carr $\frac{3}{10}$ the worse then Standard whereby to have Saved if wee could at Least the ½ ℔ts of y^e^ [Alloy] w^th^ silver for makeing our contract w^th^ Strangers though w^th^ intimation that what came in [*a word or two lost*] should be Such they have brought y^e^ great [*a word or two lost*] thereof in forraine Coyns from beyond Sea [however] there goe 1626 Ingotts in our Chest N^o^ A and one in [No G.] that are the most ℔ts of them Neare y^e^ Matter and by w^ch^ You may have Tryall enough to give us your jud[gment] and direction for future wee were not willing to Melt downe these forreyne Species to avoid y^e^ charge thereof and Loss in Weight y^t^ would Accrew but According to Your desire wee Now send You Six small Ingotts of Aboute 30 oz. each that were Melted and Assayd in y^e^ Tower out of all y^e^ severall fforayne Coyns that Now goe and are Useally Sent to your Parts they goe in our Chests to N^o^ F Viz^t^:

In Bagg N^o^: 39 Duccats Reported 1 Carr 2 g^r^ better
43 Spanish Pistolla Standard Scale.
45 ffrench Pistolls 0¼ g^r^ worse.
,, ffrench Pistolls 0½ g^r^ worse.
48 Holland Ryders & Lyons Standard.
Soveraignes Standard.

We Send you the Very Essays themselves w^th^ y^e^ Tower Report and Some of the Same Species also made up in y^e^ Same Paper w^th^ y^e^ Ingotts of its kind for your better Satisfaction but Every of these Coyns are not always Reported Alike and y^e^ ffrench Pistolls are commonly Reported as y^e^ Spanish and Holland Ryders & Lyons and Accordingly bought and Sould as Standard and soe wee Suppose You will find them there unless there Should as two Often falls Out be Any false pcs Among them, and this wee Also have as much as wee can endeavourd to ℔vent but wee have not thought good to cut every Single peece in two Some of the bigest and most Susspectious wee have and found None false.

We Also send You in our Chest N° H A small box under our Marke twelve small Pcs of Gold [*a few letters lost*] 4$^{d}$: 10$^{t}$: 10 g$^{r}$: w$^{ch}$ are calld Gold Guilders, and one y$^{e}$ Coyns of severall Towns Cittys and provinces of Germany and Others those Eastern Countreys and there Are of them Many [Other sorts and] stamps but all Very course Some 2: 3: & 4 Carr: worse [the]n Standard w$^{ch}$ wee send that May take Notice to Avoid y$^{m}$ in your Mekeing a few of those would Much Abase y$^{e}$ Report of A great ℔cell of other Co[yns] And wee feare they may have [*a word or two lost*] in Some of [those] Amongst what wee have Sent You here to fore for indeed wee Never discoverd there [base]ness untill Now though wee well Remember to [have] [S]een Some of them Sometyms Amongst ffrenc[h] [*a word or two lost*] and other Coyns but wee are causioned y$^{e}$ future. What hopes to Recover Satisfac̃on from y$^{e}$ Goldsmiths that sould us y$^{e}$ 2 oz: 12$^{d}$: oo$^{t}$ of false Gold pistolls You sent Us by the Ann and was found in our Chest N° G You should have Mentiond y$^{e}$ Numbr of y$^{e}$ bagg as well as of y$^{e}$ Chest and otherwise then as it hapend that there was but one bagg in y$^{t}$ Chest wee Could not Soe well have pleaded and droved our Right.

We are at Length Satisfyed About y$^{e}$ 715 Pa̅. 5 fa̅ 4 Cas$^{h}$ that You charged to Accompt Curr$^{t}$ for A Supposed want of Weight in An Ingott Of Gold Of Chest N° B Anno 1672 for y$^{e}$ it now Appears in your Books O y$^{t}$ wee Recd ℔ last Shipps though Wrongly charged yet made good to our Accompt of Gold w$^{ch}$ if You had mentiond when You first Advised to have charged it as An Error You had excused both Your owne and our Soe much trouble herein but in Your first Advice thereof w$^{ch}$ was the 22 Aug$^{st}$: 1672 you only Say that you had charged it to Accompt Curr$^{t}$: but Mention Not where it had Credit Nor in Your Answer to our Just Objection to that Article did You give Us any such reasonable Satisfaction as You might have don but rather as we then and still doe Apprehend too Slight A put of but now it is well Reconciled though y$^{e}$ fault and Occasion of all this dispute doth Still Remayne on You.

Wee are informed there went y$^{e}$ Last Yeare and y$^{t}$ there also Now goeth on these 3 Shipps Severall ℔cells of Gold and Silver w$^{th}$out our knowledge wee Require therefore that You ℔mitt Noe Gold to be Coyned at y$^{e}$ ffort but what comes Mentiond in our Lists and y$^{t}$ None of our Servants Receive Any consignac̃on of Bullion or Treasure but what is ℔mitted here to be Laden and if Any Other coins to give Us an Accompt of it and by wh[o]m Laden and to whome Consigned and how and by whome disposed of and As Neare as You can how y$^{e}$ Stock of the Owners Masters Officers and Seamen are invested and that You may know what Orders wee have Made to ℔vent y$^{e}$ exportation of Bullion by Any whome wee have not Allowed to doe it wee herew$^{th}$ Send you y$^{e}$ Orders We have Made to limitt all Adventurs owners Masters and Seamen as to Expectation of Treasure and Also our Orders to y$^{e}$ Masters that they Signe Noe bills of Ladeing for Any but what wee Allow wee Judging it, Reasonable that this Trade be Reserved to y$^{e}$ Adventures who are at charge of the Whole.

We Are of Your Opinion that [y$^{t}$ were good y$^{t}$ our Garrison] were all English [to w$^{ch}$ end wee this yeare send you out 20 Soliders], And As y$^{e}$ Children of Souldiers grow up y$^{t}$ [are bred] Prodestants you May entertayne y$^{m}$ for Souldiers as there is Occasion or Any other English y$^{t}$ ℔sents in those ℔ts and to make up what shall be Need full for [securaty of] y$^{e}$ Place of Such Inhabitants as have Estates & Famillys there Among these Now goeing out wee Are informed that Some Are Recommended to be ℔ferred to other Imployment but wee doe Require A Strickt compliance w$^{th}$ our Orders to keepe all ℔sons to y$^{e}$ imployment they Are sent out in notwithstanding y$^{e}$ Recommodation of Any ℔sons whatsoever and if Any will not Submitt to such Imploym$^{t}$ Let y$^{m}$ be Returned home at the expiration of there tyme.

Inclosed is Coppy of A l̃re from M$^{r}$ Warner w$^{th}$ the list therein Mentiond and wee Require You to take it Seriously into examination and if You find Mallary and [Barns] guilty of w$^{t}$ he Alleadges to send them home and y$^{t}$ others be Admonisht and Such as will not be Reetaiined y$^{t}$ you proceed w$^{th}$ them According to our Rules.

Wee Againe Recommend to You the procureing of some Cynamon plants for S Helena and the Release of y^e^ Captives at Cylon for whome wee have A great Compassion and desire you would effectually endeavoure there, Inlargem^t^ and y^t^ wee should not Question but tmight be Obtained. As to y^e^ ffortifycations wee are willing you should goe on w^th^ : w^t^ Are Absolutely Necessary for Safety of y^e^ place and for more wee would have you first Advise Us what is Already don and y^e^ Cost there[of] and what is further Requisite to be carryed on and y^e^ charge w^th^ A Platt thereof and You shall then have our Resolution.

Wee Note that You say of fyreing your Gunns upon y^e^ Nameing of a Church by the Papists wee cannot Approve thereof and doe desire to give as little Countinance and Encouragem^t^ to that Religion as they doe to Ours and we would have You discourage and discountinance all of our Nation y^t^ Any ways incline to y^t^ Profession.

As to Your Proposeall of our Renting S^t^ Thoma we[e] N[oe] Way inclyne unto it not being Able to foresee w^t^ : Quarrells tmay engage us in w^th^ y^e^ Mores Portuguez ffrench or Dutch.

As to y^e^ Apprentices and writers there New titles & Sallary According to our last Years Establishm^t^ are to Commen^ce^ from the expiration of there Respective tymes of t[he] Arrivall in y^e^ Country as there Sallarys doe. Wee Note Your desire of building A Choultrey [wee doe give you liberty to build] A small Garden house [*a few words lost*] [ing Care that it be Noe greate] charge to Us.

[W]e [take notice of y^e^ Sl]oope [w^th^] More were expected by y^e^ Gangyes a Practice we cannot Approve and doe Require y^t^ You take eare to ℔ven^t^ it for the future for y^e^ hazard and charge thereof is greate.

Par^a^ : 33. As to Precedency wee Made a full Settlement y^e^ last Yeare to w^ch^ wee expect all ℔sons Complying and for y^e^ Ministers in our Respective ffactorys we would have them take place Next those in Councill and if y^e^ Practice have been other wise Advise Us thereof Wee Cannot Approve of Your buying Pepper at y^e^ Fort because we have it Cheaper from other places unless it be in want of Tonnage, and y^t^ tmay be had at 5 doll^rs^ y^e^ Pecull,

In ours of 4^th^ August wee wrote fully About y^e^ Want of Tonnage to W^ch^ wee Referr and hope You will better Consider what wee write for y^e^ future y^e^ Dead ffraight and Demorage will this Yeare Amount to A Very Considerable Summe the first Might have been prevented if Our orders had been Observed and y^e^ other small but One shipp if the Rest had been dispatched from y^e^ Bay and but One Detayned for y^e^ Latter goods.

Wee Note M^r^ Clavells comeing to y^e^ ffort and are Sensible Enough that by divisions in y^e^ Bay our buisness hath been much impeeded for Severall Years but haveing writ Soe Largely Aboute it and M^r^ Masters and M^r^ Puckle being fully instructed wee doe expect y^t^ you will have Made such A Settlem^t^ : there that our buisness may be Carryed On as it ought to be and y^t^ wee May have An Accompt thereof by Our Next shipps.

36 As to what You write in your 125 paragraph wee Say that Noe One of our Servants ought to Act by himselfe Any thing in y^e^ Comp^as^ Affairs but all buisness to be Carryed on by such Orders and directions as shall bee Agreed on by Consultacon Pursuant to Such orders As You Receive from Us every One being Responsable for what they doe by Consultation and to give full playne And Necessary orders to All Subordinate ffactorys.

Wee have greate disputes Aboute y^e^ Survey of y^e^ Dead ffraights in ℔ticuler Cap^t^ W^m^ Goodlad pretends Noe Notice was taken of his Ortop and that he knew not of the Survey.

ffor y^e^ future wee would have all Surveys made by three knowing Men of w^ch^ One to be of Councell and y^e^ Cap^t^ or in his Absence y^e^ C[hiefe] Mate to have Notice and Not to be made untill All there provisions. [on board and in y^e^ Certifycat to

Metchlep] what Part of the Ship Wants and this to be done [when] y^e^ Dispatch is Ready to be deliverd y^m^ but wee hope You will take care to Prevent Any such Occasion y^e^ Dutch Pacquett was sent forward and wee have Advice of its Receipt.

Wee Expected A large Acco^t^ of our Affairs at Metchlep^a^ from You and in ℔ticuler of y^e^ King of Gulconda being there but have recd None and You Referr Us to y^e^ Comr^s^ or to A relation to be given Us by y^e^ Commanders wee desire You to Reflect A little upon y^e^ Civillity thereof in turning Us to our Command^rs^ to be informed of our owne Affairs and doe feare y^t^ None or Very little Improvm^t^ was made of that happy Opertunity and Are not to expect Such Another what better lrs will let Us know for wee are not at all Satisfyed w^th^ the indiscreet Management of soe good An Occasion and since You have Referd Us to y^e^ Coma Cap^t^ Goodlad doth Assure Us y^t^ You could have Asked Nothing of the King while he was there but might have Granted unto You.

Wee doe for y^e^ future expect that as Neare as possibly You can You send Us home y^e^ goods wee Order We find y^e^ ffollowing differences in y^s^ Years Shiping You have sent us less then ordered Long Cloth Ordinary 29325 Pcs Ditto browne 1460 ditto fine 2590 Ditto blew 850 Ditto without Stiffening or 2000 orderd You send None Sallamp^rs^ less y^n^ order'd 1715. Ditto fine More then orderd 7840 Parcallaes more 7920. Morees Ordinary 5680 Ditto fine 8720 Ginghams less 2740 Oringall Betteelaes More 1880 [Allijaes], More 1300 Dungarees less 9240 Neckloaths less 2200 And from Metchlep^a^ Ordinary Longcloths less 6490 Ditto fine 991 Sallampores Ordinary 19400 D^o^ fine 3350 Parcallaes 240 whereas had due care been taken to have sent us these goods wee should not have had Soe greate a dead Tonnage.

As to our Affairs at Metchlep^a^ though 'tbe a Trade y^t^ wee would by all Means encourage and enlarge & have Soe often Recommended it to You to contribute all You can to Effect it, Yet wee find Soe little care taken thereof by You that You doe not Soe much as take Notice of it, More y^n^ Slightly to Referr Us to what Advices wee should have thence from y^e^ [Comm^rs^] when You well know they had given Us None [*two words lost*] all we can learne thereof is from Some little [hint] in M^r^ Puckles Dyary and lre nor in y^m^ is Any No[tice] taken of y^e^ greate Stock detayned there, [w^ch^ had been] [*a few words lost*] [at the ffort] would have prevented much [*a few words lost*] of y^e^ great [to] w^ch^ Wee are like to Sustayne on y^t^. [Accompt yet] formerly when a farr Less proportion was left there Wee had Notice thereof wee had Notice and Seveare Reflextions made upon it But seing it is Soe and that you have Soe often writ Us that were a stock left in y^e^ Countrey to be invested in y^e^ Vacancy of Shiping that wee should find a great Advantage thereby wee doe expect to find it Soe by Your haveing taken due care for y^e^ well Imploying therof And y^t^ y^e^ Next Shipps will bring Us full Returnes and much Cheaper bought y^n^ formerly by Reason of Your greate Stock beforehand We have now sent a Chest of medicines for y^e^ ffactory of w^ch^: M^r^ Puckle Complayns there is a Want.

There is a greate Complaint of Against one Dinis of that place who is Renderd to be a very Prophane Person and one yt debauched our People and agst Severall of our Writers and y^t^ they would have sent them to y^e^ ffort but y^t^ you would not consent, wee doe order y^t^ if Any ℔sons in our Service and Subordinate ffactorys doe not behave themselvs as they ought to doe According to our Rules that upon due proofe thereof they being heard in there owne defence that they may be sent to y^e^ ffort, and if they will not be Reetained and behave themselves better that they be Sent for England According to former Orders.

We find that it is Pretended that y^e^ Trade y^t^ is driven by You and others in our Imploym^t^: contrary to Rules You would have excused on ℔tence y^t^ it is Only in Course Sallampors and Paintings not fitt for us But wee cannot but be sensible y^t^ the Weavers being Imployed in makeing those sorts are taken of from makeing y^e^ sorts fitt for Us. As to y^e^ building of some Uper rooms in our ffactory there for preserveing y^e^ healths of our Servants And a Chamber or two in y^e^ Garden for Conveniancy of Any of them y^t^ shall be Sick wee doe order y^t^ You direct what may be Needfull therein takeing Care it be don w^th^ a small Expence.

We can noe Ways Approve of y^e^ proceedings there in Sending Away three of y^e^ five [that were of] Councell in [ *a few words lost* ] tyme of our [ *a few words lost*] buisness whereby we find y^t^ our Affairs are much Retarded by not Sorting of y^e^ Cloth till they Returnd and wee Observe that they thought not [fit] to trust M^r^ Fleetwood Alone being under a [Charge] when at the same tyme M^r^ Mainwaring [ *a word lost*] by You made Cheife of the Comm^rs^: though under a great charge and ꝑticular Orders from Us to have it Examin'd and an Accompt thereof Sent Us in w^ch^ You Are sylent but however if it had been Necessary to have dispersed o^r^ Councell M^r^ Hatton had been sufficient to have gon one way And M^r^ Chamberlaine y^e^ other Soe y^t^ You might have Reserved M^r^ Fleetwood and M^r^ Wynn to have Sorted y^e^ Cloth for y^e^ better dispatch of y^t^ Worke and we therefore Order that three of the Councell doe always Reside at Metchlepa As Also M^r^ Wynn and y^t^ M^r^ Wynn doe Aseist y^e^ Warehouse keeper in sorting of Cloth he haveing been A linen Draper here.

We Cannot but take Notice of M^r^ Chamberlains Refuseall to Assist M^r^ Wynn in sorting y^e^ Cloth Nor doth the Reasons Alleadged by him Any way satisfye Us and Certaynly had he well Considerd what A share he had in y^e^ wrong don Us by M^r^ Mohun he would Rather have endeavoured by A Readyness in our Service to have Regayned our [Favoure] y^n^ Soe to disobleidge Us Nor had he Any Reason to Accept Against M^r^ Hattons being put before him in Commyssion when as by our lre in December 1671 M^r^ Hatton was Admitted into Our Service to be disposed of by y^e^ Agent and Councell to such Imploym^t^ as they shall think fit suitable to his Quallifications and Upon Advice how he was Imployed y^e^ Court would Consider and Settle his Sallary Soe y^t^ it Appears 'twas left to Our Agent and Councell to Assigne him his Imployment of w^ch^ haveing had Noe Accompt wee have not Settled his Sallary but doe order You Appoint M^r^ Hatton to such place as You think he May deserve and wherein he May best Serve Us and herein as in all Cases of like Nature to Act Impartially w^thout^ Respect to Any Recommendacons from hence and on Rec^t^ o^f^ Your Answer wee shall settle his Sallary,

We Also take Notice of M^r^ Tivill Refuseing to Assist M^r^ Wynn in sorting of Cloth, Upon [ *a few words lost* ] [ up y^e^ Acco^ts^ and of ] M^r^ Wales because he had Never don it before and severall of the Young Youths sent out on y^t^ Years Shiping to be ꝑsent whilst they were sorting wee would have You let all in our service know that they are to be disposed of As Our Cheife and Councell shall direct for y^e^ best Carrying on of our Affairs and not to Stand on Punctillioes and if Any shall Refuse wee expect ꝑticuler Notice for wee shall discountinance all such Actions We will have you give us an Accompt why M^r^ Tivill was Imployed in y^r^ Books when twas M^r^ Mainwarings worke while You was Second and after You had Made him Cheife, Yet it ought to have been don by the Second

We find A Complaint against M^r^ Wales and Cullen About throwing A Brick Batt into M^r^ Mainwarings Window and of Wales Swearing and doe wonder notwithstanding y^e^ Strickt orders wee have given to ꝑvent all disorders that You take Soe little care to Prosecute them, or to punish y^m^ that doe it and wee expect that You lett them know that all in our Service must behave themselves w^th^ due Respect to there Superiours.

M^r^ Puckle gives a greate Commendation of M^r^ Rob^t^ ffreeman and that he in discontent hath Left our Service because M^r^ John Tivill was Put Above him for w^ch^ he had Noe Reason for M^r^ ffreeman was entertained A writer in December 1667 and M^r^ Tivill A factor in November 1670 when M^r^ ffreemans tyme As Writer was not expired but if M^r^ ffreeman will Returne to our Service in y^t^ Station w^ch^ he ought to hold by our Rules You may Againe Receive him and y^e^ same wee say of M^r^ John Feild who ought not to be discontented at M^r^ Arnolds being put Above him M^r^ Arnold haveing been entertayned as ffactor in 1667 And made one of the Councell by a ꝑticuler Order from hence.

In M^r^ Puckles Dyary wee Observe Severall Proposealls he made to you for y^e^ better Regulateing of Our Affairs w^ch^ You said should bee considerd after the Shipps Despatch an Accompt whereof wee expect by Your Next lrs Severall whereof we have

by former Orders provided [for and doe] expect that You Strickt[ly observe y^t all ℔sons] not in our Service do[e inhabit at y^e ffort by y^e] Accompt M^r Puckle [*a few words lost*] [of M^r Thomas Davis he is] Rendered Soe bad y^t[ wee cannot think] [*a few words lost*] continued at all where wee have Any Concerne and therefore doe order that if he be not Reformed You Send him home for England or at least send him to y^e ffort to [*a word lost*] further Tryall of his behaviour.

We expect from M^r Puckle ℔ y^e Next [ship] A full and ℔fect Accompt of all things [committed] to his Charge.

We are well pleased at y^e good Characture he [gives] of M^r Whitehead but doe order that on Sabbath days in y^e Afternoons being he preaches not y^t he Catechize Y^e Youth and expound there upon and that all in our Service be ℔sent at that exercise.

We Observe many English are in y^e Mores Service who would willingly quit it we Recommend to Your Endeavours to Use all Means to w^th^draw them that the King May not loose Soe Many Subjects.

Advise Us when M^r John Canham dyed at Metchlepa w^th the Accomp^t of his Estate and let Jn^o Crandens Estate be brought into our Cash and his private Books be sent Us home for y^e Use of his executors, We Observe in Your Consultation Booke y^t a grea[t] ℔te of the ℔sents You make consists of Looking Glasses but You mention not of whome they were bought but wee find y^e Prices high wee did y^e Last Yeare make You A Provision thereof and d[oe] the like Now and would have You make all ℔sents in our owne Goods but if You are [Necessaris] to buy Any take care y^t wee be not wronged in y^e Price for y^e Looking Glasses are charged at farr hygher Prices then Any Private Adventure in that Commodity Yeilded.

You also thereby Allow y^e takeing up of Money at Interest in y^e Bay for Carrying on y^e Investm[ents] in Petre and Silk but You take Noe Notice of the Stock Remayning in y^e Bay w^ch You Ought to have don for wee find it to be Considerable.

Wee Note y^e Ariveall of Cap^t Alley and how you Accommodated y^e Mores Servants for themselves there Horses and Goods and there takeing passage on y^e Comp^as Shiping for y^e Bay wee expect You [*a word or two lost*] [that they] paid there owne Charges at y^e ffort [and sent in there] owne provisions for there Passage [into the Bay and] Repaid y^e [Money] You lent them [Consultation Booke] M^r Clavell and M^r Vincent [doe] laugh and [des]pise at our Agency at y^e ffort and doe expect y^t You have called M^r Clavell to An Acco^t for it [*a word or two lost*] he was with You and that the buisness of y^e Bay will be fully settled by M^r Masters and M^r Puckle at there goeing downe for wee shall not Allow Any of our Servants of w^tQuallity Soever to Contemne our Authority w^ch those doe that Contemne Any that Act by it.

We find in May 1675 you order 1000 p^d ℔month to be take up at Interest at one ℔ Cent ℔ Month to defray charges w^ch wee wonder at when You might Reasonably expect that y^e following Month our Shipps would Appeare besides that the Interest is hygher then y^e Useall Custome of that place wee would have You take care to ℔vent our Running at Interest.

We find one M^r White that went over in y^e Loyall Subject was left at Metchlep^a wee expect that According to our Orders that he and his familly doe inhabit at y^e ffort or be sent for England.

We are Informed that You Useally Signe bills for dispatch of y^e shipps w^thout date and y^e date is inserted after all y^e Councell have signed by w^ch Means Severall days are lost to us wee doe therefore order that for the future y^e date y^e Despat[ch] at the tyme you signe them and that they be ℔sently deliverd that y^e tyme y^e Command^rs Spend Afterwards on there owne Occasions or for there Private Trade may not be on Our Accompt and if they Stay after your delivery of y^e despatches that You Protest Against them.

Wee are informed that y^e ffrenchman sent from Metchlep^a: for haveing an hand in killing an English Man made his escape from on board y^e [*a word lost*] and Henry of w^ch You give Us noe Accompt at [w^ch] wee wonder considering there was blood

in y^e^ Cas[e] We have Complaints made that our Cheifs doe imp[ose] upon our other Servants that when they are up[on] any designe they will give A stop to it unless t[hey] may have an Advantage by some share or otherwise wee would have You take care y^t^ in y^t^ trade w^ch^ wee doe Allow our Servants may not be imposed on [by] Any, [*a few words lost*] [Calicoes] Sent home Yearly by [our] factors and [Servants] to there freinds to our greate ℔judice wee have therefore Resolved for the future to charge y^e^ Stated damage thereof to the Accompt of y^e^ Respective ℔sons y^t^ Send them.

Wee would have You lett all the Youths know the gratuity wee have promissed to all that shall learn y^e^ Languadge of y^e^ Countrey and to consider how to put them in a way to Attayne it.

Continue to Send Us a list of all ℔sons liveing and dead and an impartiall Character of all in our Service that those that doe deserve well May be Encouraged in w^ch^ You are to have Respect to the Merrit of the ℔sons and not to Any Recommendation whatsoever.

Wee Confirme our last Years orders for preventing our Seamen from being inticed from there ships of w^ch^ severall were this Yeare and give it in charge also to Metchlep^a^ and y^e^ Bay.

Inclosed wee send you ℔ticulers of Charges against severall ℔sons extracted out of the Papers y^t^ came to our hands by this Years shipping of w^eh^ wee would have you make a Strickt examination and give Us a full Accompt thereof and for the better Cleareing thereof lett wittnesses be examind upon Oath where the Accusers shall desire it and in Regard wee find A greate inconveniancy by sending over private Accusations hither y^e^ Length of tyme causeing greate Alteration wee doe order that where any ℔son hath Cause to Complayne against other he doe exhibit it to the Cheife and Councell of y^t^ place and if it bee Against Any Cheife or Councell that then it be Sent to our Agent and Councell at y^e^ ffort w^th^ the Matter Charged that wittnesses may be examind thereupon and the ℔ty to make his defence and if they be found guilty to be proceeded Against According to our Rules and the whole proceedings to be sent to Us and y^e^ like if it be Against any of y^e^ Councell at y^e^ ffort and in all such cases during y^e^ Examination the ℔ty concerned not to sitt in Councell but if Any charge be against y^e^ Agent y^t^ it be exhibited alsoe to the Councell and examind and copy thereof Sent us w^th^ y^e^ whole proceedings thereupon that wee may give You Necessary Orders thereon and that such Complaynts and Accusations [may not be stifled] Let y^e^ ℔sons soe Complayning [send us a Coppy of there Complaints] [*a word lost*] exhibited, Wee reed a Lre from Leu^t^ [Oneale] and other Officers Aboute takeing place when You invite them to our Table but You haveing given Us Noe Accompt thereof wee direct Nothing therein till wee know what hath been y^e^ Practice but would have y^e^ Millitary always Subordinate to y^e^ Civill Authority and he y^t^ is a writ^r^ One day may by our Rules be A ffactoure y^e^ Next by our last lrs wee find a reviewing of y^e^ former Allegations against M^r^ Mainwaring for being Interrested w^th^ M^r^ Mohun not only in Voyadges w^th^ him but in makeing use of our Money & against M^r^ Hall for his greate Irregularity in not Complying w^th^ orders nor shewing due Respect to you and y^e^ Cheife and Councell in y^e^ Bay not Comporting himselfe in a freindly Manner w^th^ y^e^ Rest of our ffactors and of his frequenting y^e^ Dutch ffactories as is Alleadged to our ℔judice by w^ch^ our Affairs have been Obstructed And Also Against.

But wee haveing Appointed M^r^ Streynsham Master and M^r^ Puckle to inspect y^e^ Affairs of our ffactorys and the Comportment of our ffactors and you haveing the ℔ticulers before You wee have not thought fitt to determine any thing there untill wee have A full Accompt from You and then as to all these Matters w^ch^ wee Require you fully to examin if Not Allready Don and to Transmit unto us y^e^ true state thereof w^th^ y^e^ Proofs as to Any ℔ticular ℔sons that wee may give further order therein and in y^e^ Meane While that noe ℔judice may Arise unto Us or hindrance to y^e^ Management of our Affairs If Any ℔sons shall be found unfaithfull or disturbing wee leave it to You upon y^e^ place if You shall find it Just and for our Service to susspend them from our Imployment wherein wee Require You to Act w^th^out Partiallity favour

or Affection and to Lett all our ffactors know that they must not expect to be borne up in there miscarriages by Any of there freinds or there Intercessions for them in England but that they shall be encouraged or discouraged According as they shall Act and demeane themselves in our service.

As to the Expection [*Sic*] w^ch^ y^e^ Weoman that goe Over have for an Allowance from Us wee would have you lett them know that wee have ℔mitted none there passage but upon A greate Considerations Sol[*a few letters lost*] tations and at there owne charge except some Weomen that went to the [*a few words lost*] that were Soldiers and therefore they are to expect Noe Allowance from Us but wee ℔sume that you have A poors box out of w^ch^ you releive such as are Aged as Impotent as they doe at Surrat.

The last Yeare wee gave directions for Settleing [all] Presidences to w^ch^ wee Referr You.

Wee have been informed that goods are Often brought in Privately into y^e^ Towne of Madrass by w^ch^ wee are defrauded of our Customes wee would have you to Consider of some prudent Means to ℔vent y^t^ Abuse And here wee must take Notice of y^e^ Orders you have made prohibitting all ℔sons but Verona and his Company from bringing in Callicoes into y^e^ Towne of w^ch^ You have given us noe Accompt nor can Apprehend Any Reason for it for Certainly Multiplicity of sellours and goods is y^e^ Advantage of the Buyers and therefore wee would have that order Revoked, and all fayre Encouragem^t^: given to Augment the importing of Callicoes into y^t^ place We have Occasion this Yeare to renew our Complaint of the ill Packing of our Callicoes w^ch^ for want of good Gunnys wax cloth wrappers and Sufficient Cotten are much Damaged w^ch^ You must take care to ℔vent for the future.

The blew Longcloths are not good Collours for [w^ch^] Reason wee have Sent You y^e^ Indico formerly Mentioned and A Pattarne w^ch^ You are to endeavour to imitate and if you find You can hitt the Coulor y^t^ contrive to gett more of this Agra Indico downe y^e^ Ganges by Way of Bengall or Any other Way that will be most Secure and Cheape.

The Sallamp^rs^ N°: 18: 19: 20: cost two deare therefore unless you can have of y^e^ Same goodness at least 20 ℔ Cent Cheaper send noe more of those Sorts. The Parcallaes N° 13: 14: 15: 16 are two deare therefore send Us noe more of them except of N° 16 of w^ch^ you May send 2000 peeces provided they may be had at Least 20 ℔ Cent Cheaper of y^t^ goodness for at Metchlep^a^ they are better and Cheaper of the Course Morees N° 3 & 4 Send none for they are not vendible here of these You have Sent A farr Greater Quantity then Ordered.

The Beteelaes ℔ Unity N°: 28 prove Very bad and worse then Useaall You must bee more Care[full that goods of like] price and numbers be of [quallity] let two thirds of Neckeloathes [of 16] in A peece and each 1½ Yard Long the other third of it in a pce and 2 yards Long Of the short Ginghams N° 29: 30: 31: 39 Send not from the ffort in any one Yeare above 2000 Pcs: and of them none except they can be had 20 ℔ Cent Cheaper then the Last.

The Broad Ginghams N° 23: 33 N° 33 N° R C 33 R and 36 are not full 20 Yards long nor Yard & halfe broad and too deare provide noe more of y^m^ at y^e^ Fort but at Metchlep^a^ where they were longer broader better and more Cheap For Dyapers if you can have them 20 ℔ C^t^ Cheaper then those You sent Us you may 1000 Broad & 1000 Narrow Yeerly and noe more.

for the other Callicoes wee find them Generally good and would have you send noe worse but endeavoure to have them as much better as you can.

For the Allijaes you must take care y^t^ y^e^ Red bee a deepe full Red and y^e^ White A ℔fect White wee send you A patterne for your better direction y^e^ Lower sort that came this Yeare not being good Collours.

We Recommend to you y^t^ those sorts of Cloth that You find better and Cheapest at Metchlep^a^ may be provided there and that You Punctually Observe our orders given in y^t^ case and if there be Any other Sorts that may better bee provided at Metchlep^a^ then at the Fort or greater Quantitys then wee have orderd perticulerly

wee would have you give orders for it and in ꝑticuler to provide 5000 Oringall Beeteelaes and 8000 Allijaes at Metchelep[a] By Advices Recd: wee Apprehend some Obstruction may be given to our Trade in y[e] Bay for want of A New Phirmaund and therefore wee would have you seriously to Consider of it and how it may be best obtayned and whither M[r] Charnock may not bee fitt to manage Such an Affaire at the Kings Court who wee understand had Obtayned it at an inconsiderable charge if his Vekeele had not dyed.

By our ~~Ire~~ to y[e] Bay you may Observe y[e] Complaints wee make of y[e] goods they sent of w[ch] wee would have You take notice to them and give order to prevent future Abuses but did expect that You would have taken Notice of there exceeding in quantitys of Sannoes and goods that were not orderd,

As to the building A New ffactory at Ballasore wee would have You consider of y[e] Necessity and charge of [it] & give us yo[r] Opinion w[ch] will be y[e] bett[r] able to doe.

By the Returne of M[r] Masters and M[r] Puckle [in y[e] near] tyme if you Judge it Necessary you may order y[e] [bui]lding of A Warehouse of Brick provided y[e] charge exceed not 1000 dollers though wee hope less will doe it.

Wee are not at all Satisfyed w[th] the Accompt of y[e] goods lost by the fyre there Into w[ch] wee would have you make A very Strickt Enquirery for y[e] Quantity Mentiond is greater then Probably could have been Ready in y[e] Goods and more of some ꝑticular goods then wee have Reason to beleive would have been Sent Us if y[t] fyre had not hapend, and wee the more doubt of fayre dealeing here in because twas soe long delayed to be Sent and Noe Accompt taken whilest our Shipps were there and our Councell and other ffactors ꝑsent nor have wee Any Consultation booke from thence and they themselves writeing Soe doubtfully of it.

Wee are soe Sensible of y[e] greate conveniancy and Advantage that would Accrue could our Shipps goe up the River Gangies that wee Againe Recommend unto You useing all safe Means that May tend thereunto that wee may make A Tryall by our two Deckt Shipps.

Wee find our buisness in y[e] Bay Very much impeeded by the differences Among our Serv[ts] there and our Nation itSelfe exposed to Contempt through there Actions w[ch] if it bee not Allready settled by y[e] goeing downe of M[r] Masters and M[r] Puckle wee doe order you to take Effectuall care therein and that wee may have An Accompt thereof by the Returne of these Shipps & You must make the Orders You give to y[e] Subordinate ffactorys Very playne for wee Observe y[t] some are soe dubious that wee our Selves cannot Apprehend Your intent but leave place for approveall or disallowance let them Act how they will w[ch] is noe good Correspondance.

The orders You give that when M[r] Clavell is at Hughely M[r] Hall should goe to Ballasore and when M[r] Clavell Removes the other should Remove Also wee cannot Apprehend to be Any way for our Service and therefore doe not Approve thereof. But if our Cheife have Occasion to Remove from one ffactory to another in order to our Service y[e] Next in Councell Ought to Remayne in y[e] charge till his Returne.

They Complaine from thence that they Soe Long Wait for Your Orders from y[e] ffort that it B[ri]ngs, great inconvenience to our Affairs, and therefore wee doe order Upon your Rec[t]: of Any Orders from Us. You Immeadiately send then playne and Necessary direction[s] for there proceedings and whatsoever you find in Any of our ~~lrs~~ Relateing to Any Subordinate ffactorys let them Speedily have Coppyes thereof w[th] Necessary directions and Instructions thereof upon.

And in Reguard wee doe not at all write to Metchlep[a] You are to extract out of our ~~lrs~~ what concerns y[m] and send it them and take care that our and your orders be Observed and give Us Notice of Any fayler.

Wee find our Selves at A greate loss for want of our Book[es] from the Subordinate ffactorys and therefore doe ord[r] that both from the Bay and Metchlep[a] and all other y[e] ffactorys they doe Send double Coppyes of all there Books as of there coppy book of ~~lrs~~ Consultations Diary (w[ch] they ought to keep) Journalls and Leadgers and what other Books they keepe for our Service one of each whereof is to Remayne w[th] You to be examind and Your Observations thereupon sent Us y[e] other to be by You

sent Us by y^e^ Yearly Shiping, and wee expect likewise Your Books from You and that this order bee executed by this Shiping that Soe wee May Yearly Make Ouer Remark and Advise y^e^ Needfull thereupon.

Our Auditoure hath not had tyme this Yeare to send You his Notes but from our Accomptant You have inclosed some ℔ticulers of objections & directions to w^ch^ wee expect Your Reply and Complyance You have not Yet sent us any register of y^e^ Trad[e] there driven Nor is there Any from y^e^ subordinate ffactorys nor doe you take Notice of Any such Orders but wee expect A better Complyance herein for the future.

Cassa Verona haveing Sent over some Dyamonds to M^r^ Sambrook and he desireing to make Returne thereof in Gold w^ch^ wee would not Grant yet to Accomodate him wee have given our bills of Exchange on You payable to him or Orders for 2885½ pag^os^ New Viz^t^ for 962½ pag^os^ after y^e^ Ariveall of y^e^ Bengall Merch^t^ Cap^t^ John Goldsbrough Command^r^ in y^e^ Road of Madrasspatam–962 pag^os^ w^th^ in y^e^ like tyme after y^e^ Cœsars Ariveall Cap^t^ Andrews Commander and 9 [961] Pag^os^ w^th^ in y^e^ like tyme After y^e^ Ariveall of y^e^ [*a line lost*] Commander being for y^e^ like Vallue in Sterling Money after the rate of 9^sh.^ ℔ pã paid Us here by M^r^ Jeromy Sambrooke he being to Run y^e^ risgoe and Adventure of the Said Money on y^e^ Said shipps but he Nor Any other must expect that wee should doe y^e^ like for the future And if Any of our Servants doe send Over Any thing for there owne Accompt & expect Returns they must give good Satisfaction to our Agent and Councell that it is Really for there owne Accompt and noe other ℔son concerned and wee expect that our Agent And Councell be Strickt there in y^t^ wee be not Abused for wee Esteem there Reputations will bee engaged therein.

We have this Yeare ffraighted for yo^r^ Agency y^e^ three following Shipps on board of w^ch^ wee have Laden and consigned to You Viz^t^.

ON Y^E^ CÆSAR FOR Y^E^ FORT

| | *ll.* | *s^h^* | *d.* |
|---|---|---|---|
| 12 Bales Broad Cloth q^t^ 36 Clo^s^: ... ... | 498 : | 00 : | [08] |
| 10 Bales Cloth Rashes ... ... ... | 480 : | [00 : | 00] |
| 10½ Chaldron Seacoles... ... ... ... | 021 : | 00 : | 00 |
| 11 Iron Ordnance ... ... ... ... | 284 | 06 : | „ |
| 3 Chests Grezie Corrall ... ... ... | 1142 | 8 : | „ |
| 1 Barrell Indico ... ... ... ... | 56 : | 3 | 4 |
| 1 Case Paper Etc^a^ N° F ... ... ... | 17 | 3 | 1 |
| Armorers Stores etc^a^ to y^e^ Vallue of ... ... | 122 : | 11 | 7 |
| 3 Chests Gold amounting to ... ... | 41018 : | 15 | 6 |
| 7 Chests silver q^t^ 28000 Ry^lls^ ... ... | 7000 : | 00 : | „ |
| Ashen Staves etc^a^ ... ... ... ... | 5 : | 00 : | „ |
| | 50646 : | 8 : | 2 |

DITTO FOR Y^E^ BAY.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 23 Bales Broad Cloth q^t^ 69 Clo^s^: ... ... | 1366 | 15 | 10 |
| 15 Anchors ... ... ... ... ... | 114 | 1 | 9 |
| 6 Cables of Cardage ... ... ... ... | 51 : | 13 | „ |
| 20 : 3 lb Bullets Iron Ordnance ... ... | 106 | 9 | 1 |
| 250 Small Piggs Lead ... ... ... ... | 1046 | 2 | 10 |
| 689 Copper plates ... ... ... ... | 2364 | 14 | 5 |
| 4 Tubbs Vermelion ... ... ... ... | 413 | 2 : | „ |
| 60 Barrells of Tynn ... ... ... | 855 : | 00 : | „ |
| 17 Cases Quicksilver .. ... ... ... | 1039 | 14 | 6 |
| 10 Log Bowys ... .. ... ... .. | 5 | 0 | 0 |
| More 3 Tubbs Vermelion ... ... ... | 344 | 11 | 9 |
| | 7707 | 5 | 2 |

### On y^e^ New London for y^e^ Fort,

| | | *ll.* | *sh.* | *d.* |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 8 | Bales Cloth Rashes ... ... ... ... | 376 : | 2 | 8 |
| 6 | Quarter Cask Tarr ... ... ... ... | 9 : | 00 : | „ |
| 10½ | Choldren of Sea Coles ... ... ... | 21 : | „ : | 0 |
| 2 | Cases Paper Etc^a^ N° A & B & A rundlet of Ink | 492 | 4 | |
| 500 | Great Piggs Lead ... ... ... ... | 1066. | 14 : | 6 |
| 500 | Copper Plates ... ... ... ... ... | 1731 : | 12 : | 3 |
| 4 | Chest Grezie Corrall ... ... ... ... | 1764 : | 00 : | „ |
| 1 | Barrell of Indico ... ... ... ... | 55 | 6 | 8 |
| | Ashen staves Rosen & Noyalls Canvas ... | 21 | 12 | 6 |
| 4 | Iron Ordnance ... ... ... ... | 212 : | 11 : | „ |
| 2 | Chests of Gould Amo^ts^ to ... ... ... | 26090 : | 11 : | 6 |
| 22 | Chests q^t^ 88000 Pcs ⅛ .. ... ... | 22000 | | |
| 2 | Chests of Chyrurgery ... ... ... | 65 | | |
| | | 53462 | 13 | 5 |

### Ditto for the Bay.

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 35 | Bales Broad cloth q^t^ 105 Cloths ... ... | 1374 : | 00 : | |
| 2 | Bales Cloth Rashes ... ... ... ... | 94 : | 13 : | 4 |
| 15 | Anchors Amounting to ... ... ... | 120 : | 18 | 9 |
| 6 | Caplets ... ... ... ... ... | 51 | 17 : | |
| 20 : | 3 lb Bulletts Iron Ordnance ... ... | 107 : | 15 : | 10 |
| 10 | Log Bowys ... ... ... ... ... | 5 : | 00 : | 0[0] |
| 70 | Barrells Tynn ... ... ... ... | 997 : | 10 : | |
| 4 | Tubbs Vermelion ... ... ... ... | 429 : | 6 : | |
| 18 | Cases Quicksilver ... ... ... ... | 1189 : | 11 : | 6 |
| 1 | Chest Chyrurgery ... ... .. ... | 44 : | 00 : | |
| | | 4415 : | 07 : | 5 |

### On y^e^ Bengall Merchant ffor the Fort,

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 34 | Bales Broad Cloth q^t^ 102 Clo^s^ ... ... | 1847 : | 2 : | 3 |
| 2 | Bales Cloth Rashes ... ... ... ... | 97 : | 14 : | 8 |
| 2 | Cases Paper N° : F .. ... ... ... | 34 : | 5 : | 4 |
| 2 | Q^r^ Cåsque Tarr w^th^ Iron hoops ... ... | 15 : | 00 : | |
| 10 | Butts Charcole ... ... ... ... | 13 : | 15 : | |
| 1 | Barrell Indico ... ... ... ... ... | 54 : | 1 : | [8] |
| 3 | Chests Grezie Corrall ... ... ... ... | 1328 : | 8 : | |
| 1 | Bale Canvas ... ... ... ... ... | 12 : | 00 : | |
| 5 | Iron Ordnance ... ... ... ... | 250 : | 10 : | |
| 3 | Chests Gold Amo^ts^ to ... ... | 290[5]8 | 12 : | 1 |
| 24 | Chests Silver Amo^ts^ to ... ... ... | 22366 | 18 | 7 |
| 13 | Chests Canary ... ... ... ... | 156 : | | |
| 1 | box Medicines ... ... ... ... | 5. | | |
| | | [55239 : | 8 | ] |

ON DITTO FOR THE BAY.

| | | *ll.* | *sh.* | *d.* |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 8 | Bales Cloth Rashes ... ... ... ... | 384 : | 16 : | |
| 20 : 3lb. : | Bullet Iron Ordnance ... ... ... | 104 : | 3 | 2 |
| 10 | Log buoys ... ... ... ... ... | 5 : | : | |
| 2 | Cases Paper etca N° C D ... ... ... | 46 | 4 | 2 |
| 1 | Runlett of Ink ... ... ... ... | 2 | 10 | 5 |
| 14 | Cases Quicksilver ... ... ... ... | 844 | 17 | 6 |
| 1250 | Piggs Small Lead ... ... ... ... | 1045 „ | 2 | 1 |
| 279 | Copper Plates... ... ... ... ... | 948 | 9 | 6 |
| 70 | Barrells Tynn ... ... ... .. ... | 997 | 10 : | |
| 3 | Tubbs Vermelion ... ... ... ... | 333 | 15 | 9 |
| 30 | Barrells Red Lead ... ... ... ... | 160 | 5 : | |
| 15 | Anchors ... ... ... ... ... | 114 | 12 : | 9 |
| | Cablets Toyes Canary etca ... ... ... | 224 | 13 : | |
| | | 5211 „ | 19 „ | 4 |

Oour Stock before Mentioned wee have propounded Vizt: 11813 : 11 : 6 in goods and 92534 : 18 : 6 in Bullion for ye ffort and for Metchlepa and for ye Bay 17334 : 11 : 11 in goods and fifty five Thousand pounds in Bullion and Notwithstanding our Invoyce wee have perticularlized what goods should goe for ye ffort and ye Bay Yet if You can sell any of those goods at ye ffort and ye Bay Yet if You can sell any of those goods at ye ffort You may, but in Such case send ye Vallue of those goods in Money Over and Above the Bullion orderd for wee would have the full Stock orderd goe downe to these ffactorys and what You send to Metchlepa Let it be in Gold Coyned or Pcs. $\frac{s}{s}$ and some in fanams.

| *ll.* | *sh.* | *d.* |
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| 11813 : | 11 : | 06 |
| 92534 : | 18 : | 06 |
| 17334 : | 11 : | 11 |
| 55000 : | — : | — |
| 176683 : | 01 : | 11 |

We Earnestly Recommend to You, and yt You doe the same to Metchlepa and the Bay the soe tymely Dispatch of our Shipps that wee may not Run yearly into Soe greate demorage wch wee are Very confident might bee prevented would You all Seriously endeavoure it and not connive at our Masters greate expence of time in the Management of there owne Private Affairs and that your owne private concernments did not also Contribute thereunto.

Herewth wee Send You A ℔ticuler of wt Stock, each Ship is ℔mitted to carry for the Owners and for ye Masters Officers & Seamen as also A list of wt Bullion and other goods are by Us ℔mitted to be laden by others if You find Any More wee would have You give Us the ℔ticulers as before.

In the annexed coppy of our lre Overland you have ye ℔ticulers of what goods wee expose by these Shipps both from You Metchlepa and the Bay Vizt :

| | |
|---|---|
| Long cloth Ordinary ... ... ... ... | 40000 peeces |
| Ditto browne ... ... ... ... ... | 10000 |
| fine ... ... ... ... ... | 4000 |
| blew ... ... ... ... ... ... | 6000 |
| without stifening ... ... ... ... ... | 2000 |
| Sallampores Ordinary ... ... ... ... | 40000 |
| fine ... ... ... ... ... ... | 8000 |
| Percallaes ffine ... ... ... .. ... | 4000 |

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|---|---|
| Ginghams Ordinary Metchlep[a] ... ... ... | 4000 pieces. |
| Ditto Browne ... ... ... ... | 1000 |
| Iszarees ... ... ... ... ... ... | 2000 |
| Morees Ordinary ... ... ... ... ... | 4000 |
| fine ... ... ... ... ... ... | 2000 |
| Superfine ... ... ... ... ... | 1000 |
| Betteelaes Oringall ... ... ... ... | 1000 |
| 25 yards long fine ... ... ... ... | 3000 |
| 20 yards Ditto ... ... ... ... | 6000 |
| Allijaes ... ... ... ... ... ... | 10000 Ten Thous[d] pcs: |
| whereof 1000 pcs to be of y[e] small checquer work in y[e] middle of y[e] pattern now sent and 1000 pcs of y[e] broad checquer in y[e] outward ℔t of y[e] Patterne w[ch] is a Handkeche[r] | |
| Neckcloths each 1 sh. ... ... ... ... | 3000 |
| Dungarees ... ... ... .. ... | 12000 |
| Diapors ... ... ... ... ... ... | 2000 |
| Sale Cloth ... ... ... ... ... | 10000 |
| Rommolls Cotten Metchlep[a] ... ... ... | 10000 |

From y[e] Bay

| | |
|---|---|
| Sannoes if to be barterd for Cloth and bought 50 ℔ Cent Cheaper then formerly els None. | 8000 |
| Ginghams Coloured ... ... ... ... | 10000 |
| Cossaes ... ... ... ... ... ... | 10000 |
| Mulmulls ... ... ... ... ... ... | 3000 |
| Rommolls Silk ... ... ... ... ... | 12000 |
| Nillaes ... ... ... ... ... ... | 10000 |
| Hum hums ... ... ... ... ... ... | 2000 |
| Taffatyes Soe that they bee of good black Collours and whites According to our form[r] Advices. | 31000 |
| Silk if good and procureable at reasonable prices. | 600 Bales. |
| Tincall ... ... ... ... ... ... | 140 duppers. |
| Salt Peter ... ... ... ... ... ... | 600 Tunns. |
| Horetta Yarne ... ... ... ... ... | 50 Bales. |
| Pegue Sticklack ... ... ... ... ... | 100 Tunns. |
| Turmerick ... ... ... ... ... ... | 50 Tunns. |

And if You find our Shipps can carry more let it be supplyed in Ordinary Long-cloth and Ordinary Sallampores and these Shipps being despatched wee would have [to goe on in provideing for y[e]] Next Years Shipping y[e] like Quantity and sorts of goods both w[th] You Metchlep[a] and y[e] Bay only to Augem[t] y[e] Salt Peter to one Thousand Tonns provided that by encreaseing the Quantity you doe not Raise y[e] price nor Abate of the goodness and lett them send up to y[e] ffort by these Shipps what Quantity of Saltpetre they can and You may hand and detayne w[th]: You what may be more then y[e] 600 Tonns wee have order for this shipping provided you want it, not to compleat there ladeing but wee would not have you to Abate of Any of the other sorts or Quantitys of Callicoes & other goods orderd but Rather to leave some Salt Petre and the Turmarick behind,

And these Shipps being come from the Bay you are to give order that as any more Salt comes to Hugely they send it up by our small Vessells at Conveniant tymes unto y[e] ffort for wee would willingly have a good Quantity of Petre always in A readiness both at Hugely and y[e] ffort that soe wee may not be disappointed by the Alterations hapening in y[e] Goverm[t] there and likewise to ℔vent our demorage.

We find You will have A Considerable Stock left when these shipps are dispatched as by A Calculate made by our Accomptant herew[th] sent You.

In Regard through the greate disorder in our Agency wee have of late held i$^{t}$ conveneant to give Severall orders as to Succession though were unwilling to breake the Rules wee had made for encouragem$^{t}$ of all our Servants and being willing to Renew the same in case there Comportment shall not Obleidge Us to Alter it wee doe Appoint till further Order from hence that is in case of y$^{e}$ Death of Streynsham Masters (w$^{ch}$ God forbid) if S$^{r}$: William Langhorn bee still there that he should Continue in the Agency and in case of his Absence then M$^{r}$: Jos: Hynmers if liveing to Succeed and in Case of his Death that then M$^{r}$ Edward Herrys doe take place as Agent.

S$^{r}$ ffrancis Clark being one of M$^{r}$ Hynmers Security is desireous to be discharged therefore you must take M$^{r}$ Hynmers Accompt and send it Us Over w$^{th}$ what Objections Are Against him and in Reguard he is Concerned in y$^{e}$ Information made by M$^{r}$ Mohun in ℔t of the Trade by him driven A due Examination must bee Taken and sent Us w$^{th}$ your Opinion of the Case and he must order some other security in y$^{e}$ roome of S$^{r}$ ffrancis Clark for [till] wee are secured [wee Cannot discharge] [*a word or two lost.*]

Wee now send you the quantity of 5 pipes Canary in bottles Packt up in 20 Chests of w$^{ch}$ wee order 10 for the ffort three for Metchlep$^{a}$ Seaven for y$^{e}$ Bay and ffactorys subordinate haveing Complaints of greate Leakage and Abuse don to the Wine when in Cask wee have put it in bottles but doe order that the bottles and Chests bee sould and Made good to our Accompt.

Inclosed is A ℔ticuler of such birds and fowls that the Kings Majesty desires to have of w$^{ch}$ wee would have you to send some of Each Sort that are procureable w$^{th}$ You.

Wee Observe that the Bay Ĩrs was only Signed by M$^{r}$ Clavell and M$^{r}$ Bugdon it being Alleadgd that noe more of the Councell was there M$^{r}$ Towns in being come Away and M$^{r}$ Bagnall Dead and that they would According to form$^{r}$ Order have supplyed the Vacant places w$^{th}$ the Eldest ffactors but y$^{t}$ You forbad it y$^{e}$ Reasons whereof wee know not nor have Any Accompt from You but expect that [*a word or two lost*] that tyme that you will have filled up y$^{e}$ Councell w$^{th}$ Able Men According to former Instructions. In A preceeding Clause wee Advise that wee had not the Metchlep$^{a}$ Books noe Mention being made thereof in your Ĩrs but since y$^{t}$ wee have found them and they are signed Only by M$^{r}$ John Tivill w$^{ch}$ is not consonent to our Rules in y$^{e}$ Books M$^{r}$ Jearsey Appears to be A Very great Debtor.

The Rice You sent Us was Very bad and full of dirt and Trash and Sold After Carbling at 12$^{sh}$ a md. and 12$^{s}$: 6$^{d}$ ℔ Cent w$^{ch}$ had it been good twould have Yeild from 18$^{sh}$ to 20$^{s}$ ℔ Cent and wee are informed twas A ℔cell of Bad rice that lay at the ffort belonging to Some of our Servants for whome you did this kin[d]ness.

Inclosed You have Coppy of A Ĩre from M$^{r}$ John Smith full of Complaints w$^{ch}$ wee would have you cause to be examind Esspecially that ℔ticuler concernin[g] M$^{r}$ Hervy and to take care that if hee be found guilty hee may bee sent home.

Wee are Very Sorry to heare that Any of our People or soldiers should be soe inconscions and disorder[ly] as [*a few words lost*] distroying one Another as You [*a few words lost*] w$^{ch}$ being [A case] that Requires Noe impunitie Soe one y$^{e}$ other Side great Caution how to proceed at that distance and therefore though wee have been Considering and Adviseing what instructions to give You in that Matter Yet wee are come to Noe Resolution therein but if wee doe before the sayling of these shipps wee shall Acquaint You therew$^{th}$ and if wee should not at this tyme doe it let not our want of directions bee Any Encouragem$^{t}$: to such disorders for wee desire As soon as wee can bee Resolved in y$^{e}$ Case to give You full instructions how to proceed therein.

Wee have endeavourd to dispeed these Shipps Early to You this Yeare but thatt pleased God by Contrary Winds to hinder them from getting but of the River and at this tyme they are Stayed by An Extraudinary ffrost yet wee prepaire all things in A readiness not knowing how soone tmay please God to give them an Opertunity of saileing but if they should Stay much longer or thing of moment Occur. You may Expect to heare from Us in An After Ĩre.

Vera Copia
John Nicas
Secry.

Wee desire that you will bee Very Mindfull of what Instructions wee have now and formerly given You as to the Mayntayning of y^e^ Worship of God and keeping good Orders and y^e^ ffrugall Manageing of our Affayre and Soe praying y^e^ Almighty to bring these shipps in safety to You wee Commit You to His Gracious guidance and protection and remayne.

Yo^r^ Loveing ffreinds

W^M^ THOMSON Governour.
BERKLEY
JOHN LAWRANCE
JOHN MORE
ANTH: INGRAM.
MATTHEW ANDREWS.
CHRIS: BOONE.
JOHN MORDENS.
JOHN LETHIEULLIER.
THOMAS CANHAM.
NATH: HERNE.
CHARLS THOROLD.
JAMES HOUBLON.
SAMUELL MOYER.
JAMES EDWARDS
JOHN JOLLIFE.

The Dutch haveing Complayned y^t^ some of there Run Aways in India have been entertayned on board some of our Shipps and wee Acquainting them that wee have had y^e^ like cause of Compl^t^ wee have Mutually promissed y^t^ it shall bee for both for y^e^ ffuture and therefore you are to Employ None of the People and if entertaine Any of ours you [are to make A] demand of them.

Wee have entertayned M^r^ W^m^ Bedgeant to be our Chapplaine at y^e^ sallary of fifty pounds ℔ Ann and fifty pounds gratuity ℔ Ann to bee paid in India or here as he shall desire it and to commence from his goeing on board he comes on y^e^ Ship New Lond: and wee designe him for y^e^ Bay in Regard M^r^ Darley Writs he would returne by the Next shipps and for y^t^ y^e^ ffort & Metchlep^a^ Are supplyed yet wee leave it to you to Settle him where You find there is most Want.

There being [two] usefull [Treaties] [one touching the existence of God, the other against Popery] [*a line lost*].

* COPY OF M^R^: PATRICK WARNER'S LETTER TO Y^E^: HONO^BLE^: COMP^A^: DATED Y^E^ 31^TH^: JAN^Y^: 1676

[Righ]t Worsp^ll^:

It is my trouble that I have so little acquaintance w^th^: your Worp^s^: because of this I could not take the Confidence of writing to you, nor had I any thing worth the writeing haveing then remained So short a while in this place; but now haveing been a Servant under you in the Ministry of the Gospell Some Considerable time, I have to my greif mett with that w^ch^: maketh me Contrary to my Inclination breake of my silence, and give you the trouble of these lines.

I have the Charitie to beleive that most of you have so much Zeal for God and for the Creddit of Religion, that your heads would be fountaines of waters and Eyes Rivers of Tears, did you really know how much God is dishonoured his Name blasphemed, religion reproached Amongst the Gentiles by the vitious lives of many of your Servan^ts^ Did I knot therefore complayne of them, I should not be faithfull either to God or you or to their owne Soules. And if it be not a desire to approve my selfe in some measure faithfull unto all these, God the Searcher of Harts and Tryer of Reines will one day Discover, If it be not I say such a desire that moves mee to this present undertaking.

It may be for a lamentation to hear and See the horrid swearing and profanation of the name of God, the wofull and abominable drunkennesse and be as y^e^: uncleanesse that so much rayne and raige among the Souldiery, and these not Secretly or covertile but as it were in the Sight of the Sunn, and men refuse therein to be ashamed neither can they blush; some after they have lived a long time in such uncleanesse their Whores perswade them to marry them, and Severall Such have been married who within a little have found them Treacherous and adulterous, and thereupon have [either run] away from them, or carryed them [along with them] and sould them to the lusts of [infidels and] Moores Some unmarryed persons keepe Whores in their [houses] and Some marryed whose Wifes are in

* The original of this paper is in a dilapidated state.

England [do] the Same Most of these Whores are Popish Christians and if those that marry them doe not fall into the former Inconveniences, they hardly Scape being Seduced by their Wifies and Wifes frinds into Popery, there are not wanting instances of this allso, since I entered into place; I have constantly refused to Celebrate any Such marriages except one that I was urged into, and this not before She had solemnely before Severall wittnesses renownced Popery, and promised to attend upon Ordnances w^th^: us, but She had not been many weeks marryed when at the Instigation of Some Popish Preists here She perfidiously fell from these Promises.

I wish your Worp^s^ may Consider if it be not requisite to inhibite such marriages, for the Children turne either Infidells or Popish and here difference is but Small, I doe allso earnestly wish there may be more Inspection taken what persons yee send over into these places, for their come hither, some Th[ousand] Murtherers, some men Stealers, some [Popish] some come over under the Notion of Single Per[sons] and unmarryed who yet have their Wives in England and here have been marryed to others, w^th^ whome they live in Adultery and some on the other hand come over as marryed Persons, of whom there are strange suspitions they were never marryed These and other abuses there are among the [souldiery.] There are allsoe Some of the Writers who by their [lives] are not a little Scandalous to the Christian [religion so] sinfull in their drunkennesse that [some of them] play at Cards and Dice for wine [they may dr]inke and afterwards Thro[wing] the Dice who shall pay all and Sometimes wh[ich] shall drinke all, by which some are [forced to] Drink till they be worse then beasts. Others pride themselves in making oth^rs^: drunke, till they be inscensible, and then Strip them naked, and in that posture (horresco referens) cause them to be carryed through the Streets to their dwelling places Some of them with other persons whom they Invited, once went abroad to a Garden not farr off, and there continued a whole day and night drinking most excessively, and in So much that one of the Number died w^th^: in a very few dayes after, and Confessed he had Contracted his Sickness and Death by that Excesse. A Person worthy of Creditt having occasion to goe the next day into the same Garden could Number by the heads 36 Bottles and to the best of his Judgement all Pottles for it is their frequent Custome to breake bottles as Soone as they have drunk the Wine and this they have done Sometimes w^th^: in the Walls of the ffort, and w^th^: all Sing and Carouse at very un[seasona]ble houres. And this their Drunkenness is not alone but in some attended w^th^: its ordinarie Concomitant uncleannesse for some have been found breaking open in the night time Doores where they Suspected Whores to be, others have been whole night in the roome w^th^ another mans Wife alone. They can find time and leasure for these things, but cant find any time and leasure for to attend the Worp: of God, w^ch^: is exceedingly neglected by all, notw^th^: Standing your orders to the Contrary. I have some times having waited long enough been forced at length to begin duty w^th^ [4] persons only present and [when] we have done there hath not been above 12 or 13 in all; but who amongst the Writers are most guilty in this your W[orp] may know by the enclosed list of their absence [taken] by mee [indifferently] some appointed there [unto by the Governours; of] others no acco^t^: is tak[en] But Because it is no less sin to Condemne the Just [then] Justifie the wicked, I must bear wittness for most of the Young men, that they cannot to the least [*Sic*] of my knowledge, be accused of the former enormities, there are but a few of them that are guiltie in the manner before described; whose Names I would have Inserted that So I might clear the others) but that they have been lately sick, and some small hopes there are that they may amend; they have given some ground to expect it, but if they shall returne w^th^: the Dog to the [vomit] I will (if it please God to Spare me So long) Give your Worp^s^ a more full Acco^t^ thereof by word of Mouth, upon my arrivall w^th^: the next Ships, for as you have been allready Informed I intend to returne w^th^ them and I hope w^th^: your good leave nessesitie lyeth upon [ me ] so to doe; Therefore what I have written may in Charitie be supposed not to proceed from Expectation [of] any advantage to my Selfe, but from respect to the Glory of God, and their goeds, and the incourragement of Succeeding Ministers.

I did what the last yeares Ships give an acc$^{t}$: in a [letter] to Cap$^{t}$: Broochouen w$^{th}$: the Evil usage I mett w$^{ch}$ from the Governour and others of Councell (and indeed generally from all as to mine own Person) w$^{ch}$: I doe not now retract only I could wish they were more [zealous] When I have Complayned of these former abuses I have been told by Severall that persons here are a great deale more civilized then formerly they have been, if it [be so] there is great cause to admire the patience and [long suffering] of God but w$^{th}$ all cause to feare if these things be [not reform]ed he will not allwaies keepe Silence, The Governour I understand hath prevented any that would prevent accusg his [fireing] of great [Gunns] and 3 voleys of [small shot by all] the souldiers in Garrison at the [consecration of a popish] Church w$^{th}$ in the Walls if he be therein acquitted by you I have no more to Say but pray that God himselfe would discountenance that Idolatrie & Superstition soe much Countenanced and [*Lacuna in the original*] by others, and prevent the hurt that may redownd to the place and to your Interests thereby.

One M$^{r}$ Mallory formerly Chyrurgeons Mate in the President now Chyrurgeons Mate in this place and another Barnes who formerly went to Sea as Master of Some Small Vessells, but haveing wasted the moneys Intrusted to him lives now Idlely and out of any Imployment These two are Constant Companions w$^{th}$: any of the Young men in what ever debaucheries they were guilty of, and it gives ground to suspect that they may be guilty of enticeing them thereunto.

There are some other things that I would humbly have remonstrat to your Worp$^{s}$: but because I intend (if so it shall please God) to see you w$^{th}$: the next Ships at w$^{ch}$: time if it be acceptable it may more conveniently be done, I doe therefore at present forbeare, only praying that God would continue to prosper your undertakeing and enable you faithfully to designe his Glory therein, and lead you to the Seasonable meanes that May Conduce to his Glory in the incourragem$^{t}$: of Godliness and restraint of Sin in these places where your power reacheth I am or desire to be a

Right Worsp$^{ll}$:

January 31$^{th}$ : 1676

[Co]pia

[John] Nicks Sec$^{ry}$.

Your faithfull Servant

according to my Station

Patrick Warner.

## Informations Against M$^{R}$. Math$\tilde{}$ Mainwaring.

By advice rec$\tilde{}$d from six of the Companies ffactors & Writers at Metchlepatam dated the 20 Decembr 1674 They write.

about y$^{e}$ black female Slave

Wee shall forbear to trouble you with y$^{e}$ relation of M$^{r}$ Mainwarings uncleaness with his Slave wench, since the attestations with other papers concerning it are sent to the Fort and also to yo$^{r}$ Worshp$^{s}$. and onely crave yo$^{r}$ observation upon yo$^{r}$ Agent & Councells some of this Action expressed in a Clause of their generall to this ffactory dated the 5 Novemb$\tilde{}$ 1674.

> The Report or Scandall of the Black slave which he both denies & gives probable reasons to y$^{e}$ contrary being now of too old a date for such severe proceedings, if true surely it either would or should have been taken notice of in due season, the renueing of such kinde of passages & not so imediately concerning any but his own family so long after savours more of other resentments then Justice.

This Crime in their Judgments is not onely defective in the evidence though proved by Eye witnes of the ffact the Slaves confession the attestations of yo$^{r}$ Servants and of M$^{r}$ Henry Sutton, who was informed by William Probart deceased that he saw the wench in M$^{r}$ Mainwarings Chamber, so disordered that her nakednes was

exposed to his view & that she went to the Laver or Astooe to wash of the blood & polution but they also conceive that the long concealm[t] argues it false which was onely out of respect to y[e] goodnes & virtues of his wife, & to prevent the Inconveniencies her knowledge thereof might create, and some esteem he had then amongst us, which haveing since forfeited, by the prementioned irregularities & cleer testimonies of his inviterate malice, wee found o[r] selves obliged out of abhorrency to his actions to declare it, which was by all expected would have found a Just reprehension and not a wreshed conniving palliation.

That since he has held the 2[d] place in this ffactory, he has not according to the Custome of all other Seconds made up or ballanced one pair of Bookes.

In the yeer 1671 they were done at his request by M[r] Geo: Chamberlain The yeer 1672 he intreats one of yo[r] ffactors to compleat y[e] Bookes pretending his indisposition would not ꝑmitt him to performe it yet that was no hindrance to his recreation goeing daily to y[e] Garden to see the Sailers play at Nine pinns. about not ballanceing y[e] Bookes.

In the yeer 1673 he had no indisposition for a pretence or evation from ꝑforming his duty, but an aversion thereto or els conscious he was incapable to discharge it, and was also sensible that the Person whome he had before imployed would not barely at his request undertake a second trouble, To procure his compliance he tells M[r] Mohun y[t] yo[r] Bookes, except examination were finished and desires he would Order yo[r] said ffactor to assist him therein, who upon the Cheifs Comand obeys and goes with M[r] Mainwaring to examine them, but found that they were first to be made up, there being no appearance of a Book or any thing like it onely a Closset strewed with confused heapes of Papers, out of which indigested Lump they were to be formed and perceiving the Trick was once determined not to meddle with them; but considering he might disoblige the Cheif, falls to work and drawes up (as ꝑfectly as y[e] shortnes of the time and those disordered Papers would ꝑmitt and direct) yo[r] Bookes all to y[e] Ballance w[ch] M[r] Mainwaring would not suffer him to finish with all hast prepareing to goe to the Fort, to bring down his sisters who were then unexpectedly arrived in the Massingberd telling yo[r] ffactor that M[r] White & himself in their Journey would compleat the Bookes when they came to the ffort the work was still to doe and 3 or 4 of yo[r] Servants there called to their assistance, yet all their Industry could not send them home to your worsh[ps] without an Error.

In a Letter from M[r] Rich[d] Mohune dat 1[st] ffebr 167⅝

The Metchlep[a] ffactory Bookes as I am this day informed will not be sent you by these shipping though bro[t] hither by M[r] John Tivill and by him kept ballanced & subscribed but what should occasion their detention I cannot imagine unles unwilling you should be acquainted with the great remaines the ꝑticulers please to take as followeth. Metchlepatam bookes not sent. because of y[e] great remaynes to be concealed.

Novembr 30 1675 Rem[as]: of Cash in the ffactory of Metchlepatam

| | Pa | fa | ca |
|---|---|---|---|
| Cash or Pag[s] in Specie ... ... ... .... | 25785: | 20: | 2 |
| Barrs of Silver 25 remaining ... ... ... | 10709: | 27: | 4 |
| Ditto 6 charged as p[d] to y[e] M[ts] but by M[r] Mainwaring converted to his own use. | 3131: | 21: | 0 |
| Crusadoes remaining ... ... ... ... | 1579: | 8: | 4 |
| Ryalls of ⅝ remaining ... ... ... ... | 625: | -: | - |
| Pag[os] | 41831: | 13: | 4 |

The Ballance of Metchlep[a] Bookes in cl rem[as] & Debts is Pã: 153297: 20: 3

In a Letter from M[r] R[d] Mohun dated 2[d] Febr 167⅝

S[rs]: pleas to observe That since M[r] Mainwarings being Cheif & Cheif Comission[r] the numerous Traine he has kept in the ffactory at y[e] hono[ble] Comp[as]: charge to witt M[rs] White M[rs] Rowe & M[rs] Rand, a soldiers wife of ffort S[t] George & his Nurse CharPerkins his wifes brother with about ten servants or slaves Males & ffemales so y[t] w[th] himself & others the ffactory is reputed a meer brothel house. Mr Mainwarings great retinew.

In a letter frõ Mr Chr Hatton Dated Jan : 167$\frac{5}{6}$

And to those other charges lately exhibited against Mr Mohun I have as a member of those Comissions which authorized our Inspection thereinto, Jointly subscribed with the rest to severl reports made & addressed to ye Agent & Councel Compriseing the state of that affair, to which I last yeer added some further collections and grounds of Suspicions as to those misapplications of yor worsps Estates specified in the aforesaid Charges which since appear to have been but fragments of a grosser delinquency and that the Article of 5800 pagodoes to Madola Cunda &c yor Worsps Merchants in Society wth him seeming of greatest weight, Was but indeed a ꝑcell and remain of a much bigger Sum̃ due to them, and a considerable time deteined as now is evident, since the removeing that vaile of a fictitious name in their Joint Bookes in ninths, whereof my self haveing had the ꝑusall, finde that under the Title of Mamud Muctore, a fayned Creditor a very considerable sum̃ of yor Worsps moneys, upwards of twenty thousand pagodoes has been applied to their private use for the carrying on that Bulky Trade, and therein the Accuser and accused appear to have mutually ꝑtaked Mr Mainwarings proportion in those Bookes, being a third & Mr Mohunes fower ninths of which Bookes, said Mr Mainwaring haveing Copies, he might easily have informed himself that the Debt alledged in his charge against Mr Mohun of 5800 to Madala Cunda was but a remaining ꝑcell of the first great Sum̃ disguised under the Title of Mamud Muctore.

5 Mn makes use of a great some of ye Compas mony.

By an acc̃o recd from one of the ffactors at Metchlepa dat Jan : 1675.
It is written as followeth.

The ꝺomrs. now fall to consider of the provision of such goods as they have Comissn for & the Metchlepa Merts would not undertake to procure, whereof Madapollam and the Countrey beyond it affords the best and Mr ffleetwood well acquainted in those parts is known to be best able to ꝑforme it, but Mr Mainwaring ꝑswades the Major that they could not answer the trusting him lying under a Charge of Renting from the King the Cloth of severall Townes, a scandall raised on him by some malicious ꝑson & represented to the Comittee who in part Creditting the Report, enordered the Major to enquire into it, & if found true to send him home, but the honoble Companies Investmt being pretended to take up his sole care, he pretended to defer it, till business was a little overpast and that he might have time to goe thither himself, but I never heard That he made any further inquiry, though he hath been very often moved to it, but possibly understanding how unjustly it was represented & unwilling to Justify him he let it alone by choice for any impartiall observer must needs say he has behaved himself rather like a Biassed ꝑson and Creature of Mr Mainwarings then a Just inspector.

6 Mr ffleetwood not trusted to make Investments.

In the absence of some of the Comrs abroad Mr Mainwaring obteined for a time what he aimed at, an absolute Cheifship, the Maior unacquainted with the Countrey affaires being solely governed by him, so they two sitt still and daily molest the rest abroad with imperious Orders, but Mr Mainwaring imployes his time somewhat better for his own Interest which the other could not inspect for the Merchants silver being left in the ffactory, the Governor of the Town offering to buy it but at a Low rate, It was imagined he would put a stop on sending it up, wherefore Mr Mainwaring put some of it into a covered Pallenkeen under the notion of a dead Corpes and Mr Mainwaring and the Maior accompanied it to the Garden, On the way they mett the Governor who enquireing what was in the Pallenkeen, twas told him a dead Corps, but the way of carrying it being unusuall he caused some to observe and haveing true advise what it was sent people to stop it, alledging that if it were the ꝺompas there was no need of carrying it so clandestinely; some silver was afterwards cutt in pee[ce]s and sent up by Peons consigned to the Cheif of the Dutch there to be coined (a great Credit to our Nation that they must be fain to doe our busines for us) but how the returnes thereof were disposed of I know not further then that part of it was sent to Gingerlee to provide Paddy and other graine, And by a private letter it is advised yt 100 Pagos were given the Governor to quit the sd̃ silver & it was placed to the Companies acct.

7 silver conveyed out ye Town on pretence of a dead Corps

Mr Mohun in his Dyary advices that on the 31th Octobr 1675 he was informed.

That Mr Math Mainwaring and Mr Aloffe onely, the last night went on hors back to the Dutch Garden to accompany Two Chests of the honoble Companies Silver, whither yt of Barrs or dollers I know not, but the manner of its conveyance out of their ffactory being obscure his intention of its disposall is to be suspected, since the said silver was put into a Pott and covered like a Corps carried by Pallankeen boyes or Cooleys wth his Order given them that if enquiry by any were made what that was they carried they were then to answer that it was a dead body to be entered & so passed Current with it to the said Garden where was a Dutch Copeman of their ffactory in Golcundah ready to receive it, being to goe with him for the said place wth other goods of their Companies under his Conduct, expecting by this meanes it would pass without notice or Obstruction, but the Governor being informed of it, and Jealous that there was some under hand dealing from the manner of its conveyance, put a Stop upon it ꝑmitting it neither to goe to Gulcondah as designed, nor be returned but urges that it was not the honoble Companies silver but their Merchants or some others that ought to pay Custome, and that it did plainly appear to him yt Mr Math Mainwaring intended to cheat the king thereof, ffor said he were it otherwise what necessity there for its being thus managed, since if theirs he might have carried it as he pleased without the least opposition, and thus it lay for 3 or 4 daies, but in conclusion as I am advised a present of 100 pagos or more was sent him upon the which, liberty was given to bring it back to ye ffactory; But I hear since that he hath sent 20 peons with as much Silver as conveniently they could carry to Gulcondah to Seigr: Wm Harsnick Cheif of ye ffactory; But wherefore I am Ignorant, these Peons went not all together but divided first 6 and then 14.

By an acce recd frõ one of ye ffactors at Metchlepa dat Janry 167$\frac{5}{6}$ It is advised That when the ships were arrived from the Bay and the Bales packed, there wanted Boates to carry them of, notwithstanding many Boatmen live under the Compas protection & pay no Custome onely because they are to be ready with their Boates, when ever the Company has occasion to use them, their Plea was that Mr Mainwaring had sent fowerteen away to the Coast of Gingerlee to fetch his Graine one whereof went aboard with Bales, but by his Order was to goe thence directly after the other, and carried the Boatsñ receipts with them, which being complained of came to the Majors hearing & ꝑticular notice, and these were the reasons that the ships were so long deteined at Metchlepatam.

8 want of Boates to carry of goods.

By a private Letter wee have advice that part of ye Silver conveyed in a Cott under pretence of a dead Corps was invested in Jewells for Mr Mainwarings wife vizt to the value of 3000 pago and the rest was laid out in Paddy and Rice and in the Bookes made paid to Merchants as in Mr Mohunes Letter dated 1 febr 1675 by which also it is declared that had the quick stock been invested as undoubtedly it might if under a prudent managemt the Companies ships had not wanted their full freight which how the Agent and Councel will execute it I cañot conjecture.

Silver conveyed away in maner as a dead Corps. how made use of.

And that 1000 Pagos was lent by Mr Mainwaring to Mr Chamberlain of the Companies money and 500 Pagos profered to John Tivill is advised by a ꝑticular Letter.

In Major Puckles Diary folio 12 is advised that the Chyrurgeon of the ffactory being complained of for refuseing to dress two of the Companies Servts who were in danger of their Limbs or Lives, he said he was ready to cure them if Major Puckle would undertake to pay for the Medicines, that Mr Mainwaring offered to see him satisfied but he refused unles the Major would ingage to pay him which the Major did seeing the wounded men were in danger.

Chyrurgeons refuseing to dress two of ye Compas sertS.

In Mr Mohunes Diary folio 1 It is advertised.

That upon the 23 June 1675 Mr Maynwaring landed at the Barr Town two miles remote from Metchlepatam with ten Soldiers from the ffort and came in to Mr Mohunes lodging Chamber with a pair of Pistolls in his hand—The Soldiers staying in an Outward Roome, each man armed with sword and Pistolls cocked & ready to present; Himselfe demanded the Cheif ship by Order from the Agent

he brot: 10 Soldiers & came into Mr Mohuns Chamber wth Pistols in his hand &c

& Councell dated y^e^ 16 June 1675 grounded on the Extracts of two Generalls from the Company of the 24^th^ Decembr & 13^th^ of March 167¾ which he delivered M^r^ Mohun who asking whither they had Orders of a ffresher date from the Company he replied none that M^r^ Mohun was to see.

folio 3 & 5: That on y^e^ 24^th^, 25 & 26 June 1675 as also the night before the publick Service of God was neglected (as also severall other times)

he would suffer nothing to be brot Mr Mohun nor any to visit him. That M^r^ Mainwaring prohibited M^r^ Whitehead y^e^ Minister ffactors & Writers to come neer M^r^ Mohune dureing his Stay in the ffactory. And would suffer no victualls to be provided for him in the ffactory dureing his remaining there.

Folio 6 & 7. That M^r^ Mohune haveing desired M^r^ ffreeman the steward of the ffactory to provide for him and his Servants which was to be at his own Cost M^r^ ffreeman readily inclined thereunto and made preparation accordingly of two or three small dishes of Meat but as his Servants were goeing to fetch the same M^r^ Mainwaring would not suffer the same to be brought to him.

That at two of y^e^ Clock the same day viz^t^ 26 June 1675 some of the Dutch comeing to visit M^r^ Mohune viz^t^ the Cheif of Pollicatt at the ffiscull of their ffactory in Metchlepatam, they were stopped by a Centinall y^t^ was set on purpose to prevent all visitts unto him.

Folio—9. rudenes of ye Centinal. That the Cheif of Policatt complained much of the rudeness of the Centinall at his first endeavouring to come to M^r^ Mohune That he clapt a pistoll to his brest & would not suffer him to stir forward without hazard of his life unles he brought M^r^ Mainwarings Order.

And the Portuguez and others were also denied makeing their visitts to M^r^ Mohune.

folio 47. Mr Mohuns letter to Mr Mainwaring. M^r^: Mohune on y^e^ 13 August 1675 wrote to M^r^ Mainwaring in these words S^r^. I have with Silence waited the termination of those affaires mentioned in yo^rs^ to mee of y^e^ 28^th^ past requireing yo^r^ then attendance & preventing you from referring those our ℔ticular Accompts which haveing their Period & knowing no present obsticle of Longer delay I desire you would as already comunicated in mine of y^e^ 27^th^ July make yo^r^ choice as I shall doe the like and that wee enter into Bonds to stand to the award of the Persons chosen.

but unto this Letter no answer was returned.

Touching 25 bales Long Cloth of the Companies. That M^r^ Mohune in his Letter to the Company dat 22 Jan^ry^ 167⅝ gives the following Accompt of the 25 bales of Long Cloth of the Companies as foll^o^ viz^t^

By the Loss of the ship Happy Entrance were left in the ffactory at Metchlepatam a considerable quantity of Long Cloth which the other ships that yeer could not take in part of which were the prementioned, These with other goods belonging to my self M^r^ Mainwaring & M^r^ Chamberlain & Some others upon ffreight were laden on the Ann in March 167⅘ for Jehore, which ship wanting to compleat her Tunnage & that Comodit[y] being proper and profitable for her intended Market and not readily procureable to save her passage, They both came to mee and told me that if speedy care were not taken for her dispatch she would loose y^e^ Monsoon whereto I returned answer y^t^ I knew no cause for her longer Detention but they unwilling she should depart without her full ladeing propounded an Expedient which with my condiscention they would put in execution which was by takeing those 25 Bales at which motion I was somewhat startled but they alledging sever^l^ Argum^ts^ that it would not prove detrimentall to yo^r^ Worships since no Opertunity of sending them you until the next shipping In which time the like might again be provided w^th^ other Arguments & ℔swasions of theirs to the like effect did at length induce my consent to their Proposalls, but doe totally disown y^e^ contrivance or being present at their conveyance out of y^e^ ffactory.

In the consultation Book of the Fort N^o^ A folio 11 It appears by M^r^ Mainwarings own deposition that M^r^ Mohun left no Cash with h[im] either of the hono^ble^ Companies or his own, nor with M^r^ Geo: Chamberlain as he beleeves when he left

Metchlepatam in the yeer 1672 though he confesseth that he and Mr Chamberlaine jointly upon Mr Mohunes request did send him to Madras a receipt for the Ballance of the honoble Compas Cash, and resolved that if the Agent & Councell should have ordered it to be produced to have taken it up at Interest on our ℔ticular Creditts to befreind him in his Extremity, and not let him Sinck at his first entrance into his place, but did not suppose such a freindly Action should have been made use of to endeavour our prejudice, and as for the Pagos: 300 which Mr ffreeman was forced to take up at Interest to defray the expence of the ffactory Mr Mohun at his returne repaid with Interest and not wee, which is a Cleer evidence that he left no Cash with them.

That Mr Mainwaring hath kept no Cash Book for the Companies busines since he was made Cheif of the Comrs and that he is under great ingagements in the Countrey.

### Interrogatories drawn up by Richd Mohun on behalf of the Honoble: English East India Compa: examined upon oath, against Mr. Math Mainwaring.

1st What doe you know or have heard of Mr Math Mainwaring his part in shipping, small vesselle stock in Trade &ca other concernes in Generall with Richd: Mohun.

2 What doe you know or have heard of the said Mr Mainwaring his Debts to the honoble Companies Merchants or of his ℔ticular Debts to Richard Mohun, Christo℔ Hatton, Geo: Chamberlain, Pet: Radliff, Geo: White or others the English or inhabitants of this Town or Parts adjacent.

3. What doe you know or have heard of the said Mr Mainwaring his makeing up the honoble Companies Merchants Accompts to their prejudice by abateing them of their Just right upon a bargain of Callicoes bought for the said Company by Richd Mohun himself and Geo: Chamberlayne being done in the absence of Richd Mohun & without his consent or knowledge.

4. What doe you know or have heard of the said Mr Mainwaring his quarrells with the said Governor of this Town & parts adjacent Anno whilest under ye Governmt of Mohomet Beeg & in the absence of Richard Mohun his causing all of or Nation then present in Metchlepatam to arm & goe down to the Banksall, and in an hostile manner to bring from thence severall great gunns into the ffactory, where he mounted them with other of his irregularities of the like nature at the same time acted by him and his Domand.

5. What doe you know or have heard of the said Mr Mainwaring his takeing a Chest of peeces of ⅝ contas fower thousand from out of the Custody or possession of Mr Geo: Chamberlain then Warehous keeper being the honoble Companies and under their mark and number converting the same to his own use by sending it for Bengall in the month of August 1672 upon the ship Johannah Capn Hope for Bendall Comandr

6. What doe you know or have heard of the said Mr Mainwaring his concernes in the 25 Bales of Long Cloth taken out of the ffactory Metchlepatam in the yeer 1670/1 being under the care and charge of Mr Geo: Chamberlain and the honoble Companies goods which were sent to Jehore upon the ship Ann by whose instigation it was done, the Person that conveyed them out with the time & manner.

7. What doe you know or have heard of the Broyles wch the said Mr Mainwaring and Meleck[sweel] Governor of these parts Anno [*Lacuna in the original*] The occasion of them and of the great present given him by Mr Mainwaring for reconcilement whiles Richd Mohun was at Nourasporam at the house of Mr Rob: ffleetwood.

8th What doe you know or have heard concerning the 5 Boates of Goods of the honoble Companies intercepted and taken by the Dutch neer Pallacatt intended from Metchlepatam for Madras there to be laden upon their shipping, who are the Persons that occasioned the said Compas that Loss.

9. To the 7 & 8th Interogatoryes what doe you know or have heard of Richd Mohun how far he was therein concerned and how Capable of his being so, since when both were acted he was at Nourasporam at the house of Mr Rob: ffleetwood not onely in a distracted but dying condition.

10. What doe you know or have heard of the said Mr Mainwaring his buying a considerable quantity of Gance either of the Dutch or Mr Cholmley or of his proportion therein how disgracefully pawned to and again for money at a great Interest to satisfy those of whome he bought it.

11. What doe you know or have heard of the said Mr Mainwaring his Debt to Vincattaputty one of the honoble Companies Merchants for Long Cloth Sallampores and Allejaes to the amount of 350 pagos contracted to be paid for at one month when neer two yeers before It was done to his great detriment.

12. What doe you know or have heard of the parcell of Broad Cloth the said Mr Mainwaring brought with him from Bengall Anno [*Lacuna in the original*] and was accused for the same by Mr Richd ffoly of which haveing notice did by the assistance of some in Metchlepatam ffactory secretly convey it away in the night before enquired into.

13. What doe you know or have heard of the said Mr Mainwaring his takeing of 70 Rupees ffreight of Bobba Bengalla One of the honoble Companies Merchants for goods he sent upon one of their ships for Bengall.

14. What doe you know or have heard of the said Mr Mainwaring his Journey to Madras in the month of August Anno 1673 and of his want of moneys when ready to part for his necessary Expences, and to pay some Debts which he then Owed in Metchlepatam, and for which he would have been prevented from proceeding if not satisfied, the Occasion of that Journey and at whose charge to be inquired into.

15. What doe you know or have heard of the said Mr Mainwaring his managemt of the honoble Companies affaires since his being in the quality of Cheif Comr in their ffactory at Metchlepatam his sending Mr Chamberlain & Mr Wynn to Neglawanch & places adjacent to make Investments, the like of Mr ffleetwood & Mr Hatton to Madapollam and those parts upon the same occasion allotting to them 4 Writers whilst the charge exhibited against Richd Mohun was neglected to be enquired into, though expressly required by the Agent & Councel to the Comissioners here deputed by them that it should have a speedy inspection and the Report returned, The want of the Warehous keeper and his Assistant to be here for the sorting the Callicoes as they came into the Factory, being expressly contrary to the Companies Standing Order and appointment.

16. What doe you know or have heard of the said Mr Mainwaring concerning the sorting ye honoble Compas Callicoes this yeer brought into their ffactory of Metchlepatam by their Merchants and sent from Neglawanch by Mr Chamberlain how agreeable to their Interests since sorted by those that did not understand the busines two onely excepted to witt Mr Mainwaring and Mr Radliffe the one a ffreeman the other suspected upon the Score of Interest, Major Puckle his son Rob: Crawley & Timothy Harris which is expressly contrary to the Campanies standing Orders, The Warehous keeper and his Assistant being appointed for that busines which otherwise acted is an irregularity if not a great abuse and to be enquired into.

17. What doe you know or have heard concerning the said Mr Mainwaring his sending to Gulcondah two or more Chests of Silver of the honoble Companies, ye manner intention & use thereof to be enquired into since expressly contrary to their Orders.

18th. What doe you know or have heard concerning the said Mr Manwaring [*sic*] his charge given in against the said Richard Mohun to the honble Compa their Agent & Jouncel & by them appointed to be exaied in Mechlepatam & a speedy accompt to be given thereof, why so long deferred & after five months or more ordered to be exaied at the ffort occasioning a great charge to the Compa noe less trouble to the Servants &c required to attend the same, who expressed their readines to be exaied & interrogated upon the place, & without any reason given them or the accused for its deferrence & remove: the mystery of it to be enquired into.

19th. What doe you know or have heard of the said Mr Manwaring of his uncleanness with his Slave woman Chero, or of other his menial female servants which attend his wife, or of Portuguez or Jentue women.

20th. What doe you know or have heard of the said Mr Manwaring his numerous family since his being Chief Comissioner, whether maintayned at the honble Companies charge, of their being in the factory Mansion house of his Minion & slave wench Chero her being with child & miscarrying, whether the Child were white or black.

21th. What doe you know or have heard of the said Mr Manwaring his private trade to Bantam & the So seas, whether in his own or other mens names, the quantity quality & value of the Goods sent, to whom consigned, upon what Ship or Ships laden, the Returns in what & how conveyed to him?

22th. What doe you know or have heard of the said Mr Manwaring his having employed 18000 Rupees or more for Gingerlee to buy Rice or Paddy or both since his chief Comissionership in the factory of Metchlepatm whether the honble Companies, his own, or borrowed at Interest.

### Informations against Mr Geo: Chamberlain.

That Mr George Chamberlain had part in several Ships with Mr Mohun, viz.

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|---|---|
| In the Ship Ann ... ... ... ... ... ... | 155 |
| And in her Cargo to Jehore ... ... ... ... | 875 |
| In the Ship Dispatch ... ... ... ... ... | 825 |
| In the Ship Indulgence ... ... ... ... ... | 884 |
| In the Bonaventure ... ... ... ... ... | 250 |
| In her Cargo .. ... ... ... ... ... | 3375 |

And that he had his part & share in several Vessels now sold, viz

his parts in severall Ships.

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| In the Adventure of 300ts burden ... ... ... ... | $\frac{1}{16}$ |
| In the Sloop George 40ts ... ... ... ... ... | $\frac{2}{9}$ |
| In the Sloop Blessing 80ts ... ... ... ... ... | $\frac{2}{9}$ |
| In the Boat Dragon ... ... ... ... ... | $\frac{2}{9}$ |
| In the Boat Blackmore ... ... ... ... ... | $\frac{2}{9}$ |

Desired to assist Mr Wynn in sorting cloth, but denied it.

That Mr: Chamberlain being desired to assist Mr Wynn in sorting of Callicoes he being alone in that work, Mr Chamberlain answered, that he was at present busy in making up his accot of ye Investmts: That he being degraded & put by his place of precedency by Mr Hatton, it being properly Mr Hattons work to sort the Cloth.

Concerned in a Ship from Acheen.

That Mr Chamberlayn was concerned in the Cargo of a Ship wch arrived at Mechlepa from Acheen the 9th Janry 167$\frac{5}{6}$ on which Mr Martin O Bryan was Pilot.

That Mr Chamberlain provided short of the quantity of cloth he was enordered to buy, & that debts are standing out, whereof some are doubtful.

Did not provide ye quantity of Cloth wch he had order for.

That Mr Mohun in his Letter to the Company dated the 22th of January 167$\frac{5}{6}$ gives the following Accompt of the 25 Bales of Long Cloth of the Compas as followeth viz$^{t}$

Touching 25 bales Long Clo:

By the Loss of the Ship Happy Entrance were left in the ffactory at Metchlepatam a considerable quantity of Long Cloth which the other ships that yeer could not take in, part of which were the Prementioned, These with other goods belonging to my self Mr Mainwaring and Mr. Chamberlain, ande some others upon ffreight were laden on the Ann in March 1670 for Jehore, which ship wanting to compleat her Tunnage, and that Comodity being proper & profitable for her intended Markett, and not ready procureable to save her passage, They both came to mee and told mee that if Speedy care were not taken for her dispatch, she would loose the Monsoone, whereto I returned answer that I knew no cause for her Longer detension, but they unwilling she should depart without her full Ladeing propounded an Expedient, which with my condiscention the [*sic*] would put in Execution, which was by takeing those 25 Bales, At which motion I was somewhat Startled, But they all alledging severall Arguments that it would not prove detrimentall to yor Worships

since no opertunity of sending them you untill the next shipping, In which time the same might again be provided, with other Arguments and perswasions of theirs to the like Effect, did at length induce my consent to their Proposalls, but doe totally disown the contrivance or being ꝑsent at their Conveyance out of the Factory.

That Mr Chamberlain was also concerned in the Private Trade with Mr Mohune & Mr Mainwaring, and that upwards of 20,000 Pagos. of the Companies Estate was made use of by them for carrying on ye Said Trade to the Compas Great Prejudice.

COPY OF A LETTER FROM MR. JOHN SMITH IN THE BAY No. 13.

MR NATHL HERNE

Ballasore Octob 12th 1673.

[WORSH. &]MUCH HON[ORD] SR

I beg yor pardon for my giveing you the trouble of these Lines, being altogether a Stranger to you, yet yor worthines encourageth my nesessities to seek to you for redress haveing lately received very hard usage in Beng [all] I have served the honoble Company in Decca neer 5 yeers, and about 8 mo[nths] since, haveing some ꝑticular Service to doe for Mr Vincent when done prov[ed] not to his content, upon which though my Actions to him were Just as I am ready to make appear, he took up a Resolution not to rest satisfied till he wrought my ruine tho' it cost half that he himself was worth, as he hath declared to many in Bengall, soon after upon his arrivall at Ball[asore] haveing great influence on Mr Clavell prevailed with him to Send one to preceed me with an Order in his Pocket for my departure thence within ten daies knowing, that (after 5 yeers residence in a place and my Estate being Small and scattered abroad in those ꝑts) was the readi[est] way to work my ruine and indeed they have not much been shortned in expectations, nor doe I know how they intend to proceed in this not [reasonable] but malicious design and have cause to fear tho not what they can Justly doe to me, yet the Envy and Power of those who have already go[ne] so far and they have made Mr Hervey Second in Decca who manageth a[ll] affaires there (a known Athist one that denieth that there is either God or Divell which suppose you need not Information of it being so comonly known by all people) he makes it his busines not onely to ruine my ꝑticular concern there but makes all Debts bad that stand out for Accot of ye honoble Compa, thereby to ruine my reputation as well as Estate, It cañot be supposed That such things are for their Interest as spoiling anyꝑ of their Estate to bring the ꝑson that managed it into disesteem and rather then fail in carrying on this design of Mr Vincents, they a[ccuse] mee as being the cause of the Piscash given the Nabob last yeer, Notwithstanding the good Success it pleased God I had in the managemt of it, tho I confes[s] there had been no need of a Piscash, nor had our Masters busines been im[posed] had not Mr Clavell at that time Joined with the Dutch Director, an[d] refused to see the Governor when was goeing to Decca, tho' he stayed 10 daies in expectation of a little out of Hughly, and had Mr Clavell made use of this Oportunity, Our Masters affaires might have gone in a better Channell then they have done or are like to doe, the Governor then quarrelling with so strong an Enemy as the Dutch was necessitated and for his own Interest would then have done more for the English then otherwise wee could or can expect, but findeing us so much concerned with the Dutch he made his Complaints as much against us as the Dutch, and ones busines mett not with more Stop then the others, had wee kept our Selves out as wee might have done, Our Masters affaires would have been better not [*a word lost*] by what hapned to the Dutch—Mr Vincents [*a word lost*] ends not in his Malice towards mee, but he by endeavouring to [find] money from [some] of the servants of Cassumbazar unjustly as it is reported for him [*a word or two lost*] honoble Company hath killed an Native, which ha[th alreeady] cost 10000 Pags, and if it cost no more yet doth so incence the Natives Th[at] they will watch all opertunities to force money from us, I wish the height of his pride end here That our honble Masters nor their Servants suffer more by it: though tis much to be feared.

What for my part I have Asked since Imployed in yo[r] service I think you had as full a Sight of as they here, and I appeal to yo[r]self whither or not from any Just cause of negleet or els in my Masters affaires either as to Investments made or other I was dismissed of the Imployment I was then in at Decca, if not then beg you'l please to endeavour my resettlement there, that I may Secure my Masters Estate & my own [that] I may not for any by ends of theirs suffer unjustly both in my Estate and Reputation at once, In which you will ever Oblige.

S[r]

Your troubled & necessitated but

ffaithful and humble Servant.

JOHN SMITH.

P.S. As that time when they called me [f]rom Decca M[r] Clavell & M[r] Vincent gave [private] Orders at Hughly for deteining my goods & have done accordingly.

MEMORIALL OF BIRDS FOR HIS MAJESTY N[O]. 14.

The severall kinds of Birds which are by his Ma[tie]: Desired to be had from the East Indies for S[t]. James his Parke are as foll[o] Viz[t].

The great Bird comonly called the Drown bird.

The Cashue Hens.

The Cranes.

Any sort of Water fowle which differ from ours, because they are hardie, and will endure our Clymate best

Alsoe any Domestick large birds which differs from our Turkeys, Geese & hens, & likewise it's desired that great care be taken in their passage, & that their naturall food be well knowne.

INFORMATIONS AGAINST THE CHIEF & COUNCELL IN THE BAY N[O]. 15.

Informations received from the Bay.

That persons are not Imployed ꝑsuant to the Comp[as] Orders because of their Honesty, virtue being much dispised and contemned in those parts, and the contrary as much esteemed of by the generallity of English.

That all ꝑticulars of buying & selling for the Company and generalls to the Fort & Bay is kept private and transcribed by Portugueez lads kept by the Chiefs of Bengall, A great volume of the Roguery this place and others affords to the great preiudice of the hono[ble] Company and their servants might be written; Their servants by these ill usages fall into dispair of ever comeing to any Preferment, and incline to ill courses of debauching themselves nay it has been through greif the death of many as divers can witness.

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[LETTER] FOR THE RIGHT WORSHIP[L] THE AGENT FOR THE HONO[BLE] EAST INDIA COMPANIES AFFAIRES AT FORT S[T]. GEORGE.

OUR AGENT AT FORT S[T]. GEORGE London 11[th] January 1677

I am desired by the Court of Dommitties, to write unto you. That you acquaint our Commanders a weeke before they come from Fort S[t]. George; That wee intend (in case of a warr) to send some men of warr to lye in the roade of S[t] Hellena, to meet our ships in Aprill 1679. And though wee hope that Island wil be safe by the Provision wee have made & intend to make, in [order] to it, yet wee knowe not what attempt may be made upon it, Or what men of warr of the Enemies may be in

by-places nere it, And therefore, when they come neere the Island That they put their ships into a very cleare and ready posture of defence, and fall with the Island, towards the Evenings and when they come about the Point, and see any ships in the roade, they may not be too confident They are either our men of warr; or our Surrat fleet that may probably arrive before them: But, that they keepe to windward untill they are fully satisfied they be ffriends, before they stand into the Roade Or in case they should meet there with an Enemy, that they might have the opportunitie of the night, and bring to Windward to avoide them.

And if they should discover them to be enemies, They may conclude there is a warr, and then, it might not be safe to saile directly into our Channell, w$^{th}$out Convoy: and therefore we would have them timely to stand to the Northwards, and make Cape Cleere in Ireland, and to put into King sale, and send us advice from thence, And least it should soe fall out; Wee would have them provide themselves w$^{th}$ a convenient quantity of water before they come from ffort S$^{t}$ George. And though what wee here write be, but what the care & prudence of our Comanders would direct them to doe, yet wee add it by way of caution for our satisfaction, though wee heartily wish and pray that ther may be no need of it. And soe committing you and all our affaires to the guidance and blessing of god. I remaine.

Your very loveing friend

WILL THOMSON Gov$^{r}$.

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## [COMPANIES GENERAL * TO SURATT, DATED 7$^{TH}$ MARCH 1676] ℔ BOMBAY MERCH$^{TS}$

REC$^{D}$. Y$^{E}$ 29$^{TH}$. SEPT$^{R}$ 1667.

OUR PRESIDENT & COUNCELL AT SURRAT. London the 7$^{th}$ of March 167$\frac{6}{7}$

Wee have written you at large by [our last yeres shipping], of the 8$^{th}$ and 11$^{th}$ of March since overland the 28$^{th}$ & 30$^{th}$ of [June, & 4$^{th}$ & 25$^{th}$ Aug]ust, Copies of them Overland Wee [send] you herewith; and now wee sh[all more at large answer yo$^{r}$] severall Lres of the 10$^{th}$ & 21$^{th}$ O[ctobr] 17$^{th}$ and 26$^{th}$ November, 6$^{th}$ of D[ecember 17$^{th}$, 20$^{th}$ & 2]6$^{th}$ of January, & 2$^{d}$ of February [167$\frac{6}{7}$]

We have alreadie advised, the ar[ivall of all the ships] wee expected from India, and [since] also is arrived Our shipp Unicorne [from Bantam ffor w]hich great mercies Wee desire to [ . . . ] the Almightie.

Wee take notice of the great damag[e in our Cochene]ale When you encourage us to send [ . . . ] wee shall observe the advice given fo[r its packeing.]

The errors you adivise us of in y$^{e}$ bale o[f cloth in y$^{e}$] Gould & Silver, are rectified in our book[C] The Administrators of [M$^{r}$ Grigsby and M$^{r}$ Poortman, are] paid what was due to them, & the [same] shal be done to those of M$^{r}$ Phillip Eversden [& M$^{r}$ Joh]n Marten, when demanded.

Wee observe the severall Propositions made in order to the disposall of our cloth, stuf[fs] and other manufactures, & doe recommend to you, the improvement of all opportunities for any [of] y$^{e}$ vent thereof; and since you discorage us we shall send you but little Leade this yere; but wee expected your ℔ticuler advice about White & red Leade; whether we shold augment in those s[orts] and whether y$^{e}$ sending the same doth not lessen the vent of the other sort of Lead: Of which [give] us an accompt in your next.

You acquaint us, in yours, of the 17$^{th}$ of November; that the ffrench were ladeing [ . . . ] for Europe, and that it was doubted the Dutch would stopp her, but name her not. Nor in a[ny of] your following lres doe you advise what became of her; We would have you be more ℔ticuler [in] things of this nature for the future.

* The origl. of this letter is in a highly dilapidated state and portions are crumbling to pieces. Dots within square rackets indicate word or words lost.

Wee approve of your makeing John Penning Secretarie at Surrat, and Jo Hornigold [at] Bombay: provided that you have not preferred y$^{m}$: before others their Seniors, that are fitt for y$^{t}$ ymploy.

[Wee] take notice of the [running away] of Seamen from [severall] of our Ships [which] [ . . . . ] that we must discorage, & therefore doe order, that in all such cases, you doe endeavour to [finde]out, and send them on board againe, But if you can not finde them, till y$^{e}$ [ship] [ . . . ] send them to Bombay to serve as Soldiers, and by the first opportunity returne them home.

Wee finde by Captaine Atkins journall y$^{t}$ our Factor at Syam, enticed away some of the Seamen, w$^{ch}$ [wee wou]ld have you enquire about, & let us knowe who did it, & if any of [those] Seamen be in your parts let th[em be] sent for England by this Shipping.

Wee finde you enter[tayne]d 2 Surgeons mates, that formerly belonged to the Falan & [ . . . ] w$^{ch}$ wee suppose had in [like n]ature forsaken those ships, and in that respect, rather d[eserve] punishm$^{t}$, than to be [taken into o]ur Service, & there[fore wee] had rather you shold have sent them home, for the future give none [of them a]ny such encoura[g]ement.

From Bantam, wee are advised, tha[t the Unicornes] Cargo was reasonably well sorted; [ . . . ] given our Agent & Councell there dire[ctions to s]end you perfect advices & patterns of what [you] shall desire, which you are to observe when [wee] shall order you to send the next Cargo thither.

Wee approve of the civilities shewne to the young Sultan of Bantam; & [ . . . ] made him on that occasion as also to [the] [ . . . ] ortugall ffleete, wherein, wee [ . . . ] you have exceeded all former prec[edent] [ . . . ] llour of; till wee are better [ . . . ] and doe expect that according to [ . . . ] have been made you, be brought to accompt, towards the defray[ing] [ . . . ]

Wee observe the los[ . . . ] [al]lowe of any Insurance made without our Order, but [ . . . ] downe in such fitting seasons as may prevent both the [ . . . ]

The rumour yow ha[ve] [ . . . ] of Portugall, Leghorne [ . . . ] The Dyed Callicoes, [ . . . ] for our [ . . . ] bad, [there] [ . . . ]

For the Cotton yarne & Pautkaes, sent from Rajahpoore [on] for England, you did well not to send [home, and if any] else be in their resales it must be borne by them that sent them.

In [your Consultation bo]oke of Surratt Wee have observed severall things that wee cannot ap[prove. As your taking] up mony of a Dutch broker whom you say, is one of your gr[eatest Creditors, To sto]pp whose mouth, it seems you were necessitated to sell our cloth a[t 11 months time, W]ee wonder y$^{t}$ you shold at all, deale with that people, of whom, you so [much complaine,] and how could his present importunity be satisfied by a sale at So[e long a time, N]ext your sending bills to take up moneys at Ahmadabad at interest & [over and above to] give a present (to the Lender) of 300$^{rupees}$ Of which wee never had a pr[ecedent nor c]an allowe.

[Allsoe your ent]ertayning of Thomas Crosse, who was one of the grand Mutineers at B[ombay] and on that score sent from thence, when he deserved rather to be punished than employed & therefore doe require that he be sent home by the next ships.

Likewise your signeing a bill for 20000 rupees at interest, after the arrivall of y$^{e}$ Rainbowe & Golden ffleece.

Wee observe that the East India Merchant, went downe to the Coast without yo$^{r}$ instruccons orders or advices, by which means you were forced to send the Revenge after her; You ought to have advised us the extraordinary charge wee were put to on that occasion.

Wee wold willingly send you yearly a supply of Yards & topmasts, but have no conveniency for it in our ships.

Wee note that M[r] Childe hath not carried himself, with that due respect he ought to beare towards his superiours. Wee will hope upon the admonition you have given him, he will ℔vent the like complaints, for wee wold have all our servants knowe, that wee expect a due comportm[t] from them, whilst in our ymployment, that our business m[ay] be carried on with love and [ . . . ]

As to the complaint made of ffield & Johnson Wee lea[v] it to yo[r] thorough examination, & wold have you give us an accompt of the matter of fact, [yo[r]] opinion how wee may be righted on them, & how to prevent the like for the future.

Wee take due notice of the behaviour of M[r] Ch[am]berlyn and M[r] Lounds in defence of our estates at Carwar, and as an Encoragemen[t, W]ee now send them two Medalls of Gold, The largest is for M[r] Chamberlyn, which wee would [have y]ou deliver them.

You still complaine of a great deb[t, for w[ch]] (by the inspection made into yo[r] accompts) wee see no cause, and to convince you th[ereof,] wee send you an Estimate of y[e] quick stocke in yo[r] hands, for the Scheame you [mencon] to have sent us of our Estate came not to our hands & doe againe earnestly [recomm]end it to you, to endeavour the sale of our goods for ready mony, or at least for [shor]ter time, & to prevent the disperseing of our Stock, or ymploying it on fruitless [designes.]

The Covenan[ts for o]ur ffactors and Writers, wee expect to be sent us by the next: and doe require that none be ymployed in our affaires but our owne Servants, and in the same [ . . . ] which they were sent from hence; ffor it is contrary to our orders tha[ . . . ] as soldiers, shold be ymployed in any other our affaires, and hav[ . . . ] that went out as soldiers and depended on private recomendacons from [ . . . ] other busines, wee do strictly require you, not to respect any [ . . . ] [to keepe] them in the Stations appointed for them; and [if any] suc[ . . . ] [from sol]diers, you are to reduce them to it againe, whi[ch] if [ . . . ] home for England. For wee finde, one Edmond [ . . . ]her soldier put into the Cloth warehouse, and [O . . . ] that were not our Servants, sent to Rajahpoore, [ . . . ] shold this practice be continued [it] [ . . . ] [ . . . ] [wee designing] [ . . . ] [lishman] [after he hath served] [ . . . ] as a soldier be found [ . . . ] [ymploym]ent, and you then [ . . . ] us therewith, we shall give d[irections therein.]

Upon the yo[r] recomendation of M[r]. [John Jossop, wee have] entertayned him into our Ser[vice] at the sallarie of 20£ ℔ ann to [commence at the] [ . . . ] [of these] ships, and to take his place next after the youngest factor [there, or those that] [ . . . ] from hence: Provided that he give Securitie, & that his covenants & bonds tha[t come herew[th] be] sent us sealed with his sureties, in case he hath not securitie there, that he [procure them] here.

Wee take notice of the Ship [consigned] by [the King of Ban]tam to our President, & hope yo[u] will have sold her according to our Agen[ts desire, and t]hat the Proceede of those guns, lent by [the] Agent to the King, are made good to our [accompt ffor since] that king hath entred into trade [ . . . ] finde he hath been attempting new exaccons upon us.

Wee are very sorry for the death of Captaine Atkins, [his widow] and her father are his Execu[tors] wee would have you assist those whom they shall empower for the getting in his estate, and when it is paid into our cash, & send them by the first ships such bookes and [writeings as you] finde were belonging onto Captaine Atkins.

Wee recommend to you in speciall, that due care be taken of the estates of all that de[sired] our service, and to prevent the makeing of bad debts for them, as in the case of M[r] Sterling, [some] of whose goods were sold & never and paid for & therefore hence forward, let the mony be paid; be[fore] goods be delivered.

Though M[r] Stephen fflower by his former actions hath [gi]ven us great dissatisfaccon accompts not being cleared, hath discoraged us hitherto [fr]om giveing him any new [ . . . ] yet upon your entreatie, wee consent that (if you finde him able) he be entertained as an [assistant] Accomptant at Bombay at the sallarie of 30[ll] ℔ ann. But you are to take notice that he must continue at that place, and in that ymployment.

Wee would have you enquire what estate John [Wilhous] dyed possest of & to en[deavour] recoverie & bringing of it into our Dash, and advise yo^r^ proceedings therein, and to doe [y^e^] [ . . . ] for what concerns the estate of M^r^ Nichoas Serle deceased.

S^r^ John Austen hath been with us, on behalfe of his brother, & wee have satisfied him, there was no reason for his brothers complaints, as you will finde by a report made unto Dourt, from a Dommittee touching that business, of which the enclosed is a copie.

Wee wold have you send us yerely a list of all our ffactors & other servants within yo^r^ [Presidency] with the time of their entrance into our service, & their Sallaries, with an impartiall cha[ . . . ] of their abilities and behaviour, that we may give due encouragm^t^ to those y^t^ merit it, and let all the young men be excited to learne the language of the Dountry, & advise us, whi[ch of] them hath made any good proficiency therein.

There is yerely sent home in private trade, quan[tity] of Callicoes, & other prohibited [ware] and when arrived, are pretended to be presents from our Factors, which wee finde very [ . . . ] prejudiciall & inconvenient to us, and have therefore resolved for the future to place the damages due thereon to the accompt of those that send them.

Herewith we send you the Copie of the Boatswaine of the New Londons affidavit, touch[ing] ffower slabbs of Tynn lost, for which you are to be accomptable, & accordingly make it us good.

Wee againe recommend to you the transacting of all of our affaires by Consulta-con Ꝑticulerly that you see this order observed in the subordinate ffactories, and advise us [if any] shall act contrary hereunto and let care be taken [ . . . ] from those ffactories, be signed by all that are of Douncell [ . . . ] y^r^selves.

Let the Package of our Al[ . . . ] Order.

Herewith you have a note [ . . . ] would have you [ . . . ] send us by these ships [ . . . ] small spotted Deere of the least Sort.

We [*a few lines lost*] what we have allowed and doe require you to take care that none of our servants [re]ceive any [consign] [ . . . ] [or] Treasure but what is permitted to be laden, and if any Other comes [to give us notice of it,] and doe strictly enjoyne all our servants that they doe not owne [ . . . ] accompts. [ . . . ] [ship Returne] wee confirme our order to have her ymployed in the Country.

An [ . . . ] [hath been made to us] on behalfe of Samuell Adler Purser of that ship, that he may [be taken into our] ymployment on shore in case the ship be ordered home. But in regard she is [to be continued there,] let him remaine Purser of her when there shal be need of One, and [afterwards if he be found qualified] you may imploy him on shore in our business & advise us of his par[ts and behaviour] and what ymployment he is capeable of, and then we shall consider of his [Settlement and Sallary].

You advise us that we should charge you with Three Copper plates receaved Ꝑ new London more than invoyced, but omit the weight, let us knowe how many you recd in all by that ship & y^e^ weight of [it].

You [tell us you] doe not affect debates w^th^ our Auditor, wee shold be very glad that no occasion were [offered] for his Exceptions, Herewith wee send you his Objeccons w^ch^ wee have examined & finde cause for them & expect a plaine & satisfactory answer thereunto.

Our Accomptant hath drawne up also some objeccons to yo^r^ books, w^ch^ come herewith. To w^ch^ wee expect your answer: and that the direccons therein given be observed, and we would have you note, that both the One and the Other have passed our examination & approvall & therefore are not to be slighted as if they were the single acts of those two Officers, They being persons whom we shall encourage in the faithfull discharge of their trusts.

[As to] our affaires in Persia wee have taken due notice of the advice you give us for recovery of our right, by Warr or Peace. Wee can not as yet resolve to trye that of Warr: but wold have you continue all amicable waies for effecting it, and when wee see what the Successe may be of the 2 ships sent thither last yeare and yo$^{r}$ advice upon it, Wee may take it in further consideracon But in [the meane] time wold have you continue receaveing the 1000 Tomands yerely, or what more you can get, ffor should it be forborne, Wee feare it wold be difficult to bring them to it again.

Wee have observed the desire of M$^{r}$ Rolt to returne from Persia, which wee ℔mit, if hee continue to desire it, and leave it to you to take care to supply his place w$^{th}$ a very fit and able ℔son to succeed in that charge and dureing M$^{r}$ Rolt's stay at Surrat, he may take place next M$^{r}$ Gray, and at Bombay next the Deputy Governour.

As to the Portugeez refuseing to give passes for Gombroone, Wee have said our complaint of that and all other their unkindnesses to us before his Ma$^{tie}$, and when we have his pleasure signified thereon wee shall write you further. In the meane time let our President give notice to the Governour of Surrat, that he take care that the Portugueez give passes to the Natives Jounckes for Gombroon, Or els, that he must expect that wee shall give directions that you doe forbear also to [give] passes for Cong.

We [are glad ] that our ffactorie at Rajahpore is like to prove soe advantagious, & hope wee shall finde it soe. Wee would have you prosecute the recovery of the money that Sevagee agreed to pay us for our former losses, for the older that debt growes, the more difficult it will be to recover.

The disappointment you mett with last yere in yo$^{r}$ investments at Carwar, wee hope will caution you to prevent the like for future, and now you have the Cowles, from Sevagee, Our trade wil be the more secure.

Wee have taken due notice of what you write of resetling a factory at Carnapoli, and to that [ . . . ] and papers thereabouts; and are much discoraged by the great [ . . . ] [so]ldiers to carry it on and doe incline rather that you make a [ . . . ] [or] 5 soldiers, who will quickly see whether a trade may [ . . . ] [force] whether such a trade may be gayned as wil be able [*a few lines lost*] your proceedings you shall heare further from Us.
[*a few lines lost*] [patam] to that of ℳallicutt, and doe [*a few lines lost*] found after sifting, freight and customes paid, and discompt of 6: ½ ℔ ℳent And though [wee would not quite [ . . . ] would wholly] fall into Others hands, yet wee have [little encouragem]ent [when it renders us no profitt.]

W[e observe what yo]u mention [as the causes of the miscar]riage of our designe for a trade at Japa[n, and that you s]ay some [of it proceeded from] ourselves, w$^{ch}$ we wold have you explaine ffor [if any ymployed] therein, acted not as they ought, it is fitt we shold knowe it to prevent the like [for the fut]ure and to caution them accordingly.

W[ee approve of] what you pro[pou]nd of makeing another experiment to gett admission there, and wold have you send some fit ℔son by way of Syam with Lres to the Emperour ℔such other ℔sons as you conceave requisite, and lett him be fully instructed to begett a good Opinion of Us in those people, and to procure the King of Syam effectually to recommend the business by his Letter; w$^{ch}$ wee beleeve he will give to encorage us to [settle] a factorie at Syam, w$^{ch}$ you may assure him, wee will doe, if we can obteyne a trade at [Japan for] without that wee can have no encoragement to settle there.

Amongst your papers, wee finde a list of severall things the king of Syam writes [for w$^{ch}$] wee have not sent, in regard wee suppose our factors are come away long before this, but [if we] shall hereafter settle a factory there, you may lett him knowe, that what goods he writes [for] shal be sent him. Wee finde he desires two Ministers, of w$^{ch}$ we wold knowe the reason.

Wee observe a considerable trade hath been driven between Syam & Surrat, of which you never gave us any accompt, we would have a full relation thereof for our future governm[t].

Wee doe by these ships send you Twenty Chests & of Danary w[ch] you are to dispose [of for] severall factories. It comes in bottles, Wee being informed, y[t] when sent you in Caske, it was often abused. Wee expect that you sell the bottles & chests & make them good to our accompt.

Our bale of Dungarees marked C by the Hanniball, bought at Carwarr, anno 1670, & in voyce white Dungarees: at opening proved to be all Wrappers, On w[ch] wee allowed the buyer, M[r] Maisters, Six pounds w[ch] you are to make us good.

Wee recommend to you, the procureing the Dassia Lignum enordered, of the right sort which we finde may be had at Carnapoli; and that there is also a sort of cloth called [ . . . ] be like broad Basts and very [cheaper which have you] send us some for a tryall ꝑvid[ed] it be yard broad or better.

Haveing been so large before, Wee now come to the busines of our Island Bombay; w[ch] [wee] finde hath been a very chargeable place to us, besides the diverting of soe great a Stock, w[ch] migh[t] have been more profitably ymployed, and though you have raised the revenneu there, Yet [wee do] not finde that it defraies the annuall charge, but that we are great loosers yerely: and to make the more evident, wee send you a Scheme of it drawn up by our Accomptant, & doe therefore recomend to you the retrenching of our charges what possibly you can; & the aug[menting of] revenneu by all fair and just meanes, So as thereby trade be not discoraged ffor we take no [ . . . ] of very great expences, w[ch] in our opinion were not necessary, and such as wee cannot a[pprove] of.

As a Sopehouse, built at our charge, by w[ch] wee finde noe improvem[t]; M[r] Francis his being allowed mony for horsekeepeing & serv[ts] wages. A monthly allowance two women y[t] went over with their father, Sixtie rupees a month for a horse [and] 20 rupees for Servants wages to M[r] Gyffard: 1200 rupees ordered to be paid for a [ . . . ] horse for the Govern[r]: & 3 months pay allowed to the Seamen taken at [Metchlepatam] There being nothing due to them, The ship being lost Which with many other the l[ike] are not within the Compasse of ours.

As [to the Warehouse, Registers] [ . . . ] [Judicature if you finde them usefull] & [ . . . ] [they may be continued, but doe recommend it] [ . . . ] [lay not out our mony in any buildings, but what are absolutely necessary], [ . . . ] [encreaseing the trade of the Island. In w[ch] case we expect that they] [ . . . ] [incon For] [ . . . ] so great a stock these [ . . . ] all direction.

[ . . . ] [inclinations of our] [ . . . ] towards it, but shall not passe it on our accompt till the [Church be finished, and though a] [ . . . ] [confidence] [ . . . ] [convenient serviceable and not for Ostentation and for its] Situation Wee leave the direccon, ther[eof unto you. Had the Modell you mention come to hand] we would have given you our opinion thereupon. [But both it and that of the Hospitall were omitted] to be sent us. Wee thinck it not requisite [to send a builder or Surveyor from hence in regard] it wold be very chargeable.

And as [for the Hospitall wee finde by a Lre from the Deputie] Gov[r] & Councell of the 26[th] Nov[r] 1675, that they hope to build one [for 160[2] capable of receiving 50] or 60 ꝑsons w[ch] wee are willing may be built and because [they] may be mistaken in computeing y[e] charge, Wee shall give you libertie to effect it so as it [exceed] not 2000 Rupees. And towards the maintayneing the[reof] wee doe allowe you the m[o]ney of yo[r] Charity box that formerly used to be ymployed for the poore of Poplar. [A]nd you a[r]e to lett our surgeons knowe that they are to apply themselves to the service [of this house as] ꝑ[t] of the worke for which wee allowe them their Sallary. Wee would have you send us Copies of what Orders you shall make for Government of the Hospitall for our approbation & take care that the Charity designed hereby, be not abused by releeveing of able ꝑsons and denying it to the Poore & needie.

Wee have received the pitiçon from y^e^ Corporalls, and you may assure them that wee shall not send out any soldiers of a higher qualitie than Corporalls, except it be upon some speciall occasion, w^ch^ wee foresee not at present.

Wee this yere send you out ffortie[ . . . ]soldiers, mençoned in the list enclosed & would have you take especiall care, that provision be made for their lodging, when they come first on shore, and that they be kept in discipline, for wee have been informed, y^t^ the want thereof and their owne intemperance hath been a great occasion of their Sicknes & mortality and wee doe againe require, that they be kept in service as Soldiers according to our former direcçons.

Wee approve of the resoluçon you tooke for the English payeing y^e^ annuall contributions on their [lands] as others, for though wee would give them all due encouragem^t^, yet in this case no difference must be made. We also send you Twelve Women for Bombay, whom wee designe for Wives for the soldiers. Of these also comes a list, therein a character of their quality & condicon [ . . . . . ] [hither,] they [a]ppeare no other here, & wee [take] the best care we can to send none but such as are civill and doe order that if you finde any doe behave themselves otherwise, and will not be reclaymed by legall punishm^t^; y^t^ you se[nd] them home, for we are sensible of the mischief of bad examples. The like order we give [for] the men, and doe wonder you mention not the name of the Woman y^t^ you [wish] came over againe, after she had been sent from thence; and of the man y^t^ carried out his Wench [&] left his wife behind him whom had you sent back wee should have well approved it.

Wee have endeavoured to get some Country Girles, but hitherto have not been able to ꝑ[cure] them. The women come out upon the former condiçons of being allowed 12 months provision & a suite of Clothes according to y^e^ Country fashion if they be not otherwise ꝑvided for w^th^ in y^t^ time.

Copie of w^ch^ Order goes herewith w^ch^ you are to observe for the future, till wee give other direcçons therein: but note this allowance is but for one yere and for those only that you [finde] entertained on those terms by our list, and not to any that goe out on their owne charge, [to,] or with any of their relacons.

W[e] send you a Copie of the terms on w^ch^ the Soldiers are entertayned: and [whatever] H[erbe]rt or any other may pretend of their children being listed, The list you have from us is to be your rule.

[ . . . . ] [Wee the accompt four ships as they stand in the bꝏks sent home; finde] [ . . . . ] [ F: and G. wee loose by the Mayboone, Phoe]nix, Hunter, Revenge, [and in those two yeres. 73665 an accompt] whereof comes herewith [ . . . . ] [which wee can not but impute to yo^r^ ill ma]nagem^t^, and there[fore doe order] [ . . . . ] [ than what are abso]lutely nece[ssary for the defence] [ . . . . ] [that you would encorage any] [ . . . . ] [doe approve of what you have done] [*four lines lost*]

[It is done much gracious] [ . . . . y^e^ . . . . ] [libertie of coyneing at] [Bombay] [intended to have sent you out] [ . . . . ] [occacons for it, by these ships, but we alsoe] [ . . . . ] [in time, but you may expe] [ . . . . ] [next in the meanwhile you may goe] [ . . . . ] [as you] doe at present, endeavo[ur] [ . . . . ] [to] the expence of Tynn, either by that or any [incomes] you can, & give us an ex[ . . . . ] [how] you carry on the busines of the Mint for by [books] we can not finde it out, P [ . . . . ] let us knowe, what method you use in the Alloy, and [what agreements you have] [ . . . . ] and what meanes is used to prevent our being [wronged therein how our profit arises thereby,] w^ch^ you esteeme to be considerable; what [you think fitt for our knowledge Without] w^ch^ we cannot give you such full direcçons as may be necessarie for y^e^ [managem^t^ thereof.]

As to the overflowne groun[ds, we wrote you fully] the last yere, to w^ch^ wee referr.

Wee have represented to his [Ma^ty^ the se]verall unkinde acts of the Portugalls towarde Us who is very sensible thereof [and hath hi]ghly resented it to the Prince of Portugall, [and] being sensible y^t^ what h[e ought to] have had by the contract of marriage was [ . . . . ]

What [effect it may produce wee knowe not] In the mean time wee send you Our [King's] Ire to the Vice Roy of Go[a copie t]hereof, for yo$^{r}$ Governm$^{t}$; w$^{ch}$ we wold have you send him & require his answer, & [compliance] thereto; And where the Portugals doe attempt to [ . . . ] any Injuries [we wold have you t]o prevent them, and if you can by a fair reta[liation] bring them to a more friend[ly comport]ment, We leave it to you; Provided still you engage us [not in] a Warr. In the prose[cucon of t]his affaire, we very much wanted the Instructions given by [His] Ma$^{te}$ to S$^{r}$ Abraha[m Shipm]an, & afterwards to S$^{r}$ Gervase Lucas; & the Platt of y$^{t}$ Island [that] was sent over in or[der to the t]akeing possession of it. Wherein it is conceived, the Boundari[es and] Dependencies [are fully expressed:] Wee have searched both the offices of the Secretaries [but] can[not] finde them, but suppose they may be with you; About w$^{ch}$ consult M$^{r}$ [ . . . ] and [ . . . ] [copies by the] [ . . . ] will much cleere up that bus[iness.]

[Wee have perused the rules ord]ers made [by . . . ] ustome house: find a [ . . . ] laid [Graine Timber, w$^{ch}$] wee conceive are Comodities very much wanting on [the] Is [ . . . ] [wee would have you therefo]re consider whether the free importation thereof may [to our greater advantage by en]creaseing the trade, w$^{ch}$ if you soe apprehend, [we order] you [suspend the same for] some time.

I[f the free importation] & exportation of our english manufactures, will encrease the [ . . . ] of [them] [ . . . ] [We wold] have them left free.

[Wee doe not] approve of any Custome to be paid for ships & vessells built on the Island bein[g desiro]us to encourage that trade of building; and therefore wold have no customes for [what] are built there.

[Wee] apprehend y$^{t}$ it would much augment the trade of [th]at place; That all goods have[ing paid Cus]tomis inwards should be exported free: though kep[t abov]e 12 months; what exporte [within a 1]2 month to pay back the one half of the Customes; and if you are of the same O[pi]nion: we would have you order it accordingly: ffor we beleeve, that by this meanes, the [place] may be made the Store-house of all those parts: and if you differ from Us in this [ꝑticular] [give] us yo$^{r}$ reasons for the same.

[Wee] observe you have restrayned [the Exportacon] of Cajans (except by licence) w$^{ch}$ wee [approved not] of ffor licences are g[enerally oppressions;] and therefore wee wold have the[m] le[ft] free; but if there shal be an ab[solute necessitie to] [ret]aine it, upon any emergen[t] [occa]sion, let it be general[ly] [ . . . ] [con]dition.

Wee approve of [*half a line lost*] bay, on the terms [you] [ . . . ] [w]ould have a ꝑticuler a[ccount] [ . . . ] [ap]pointed to be paid to all th[e] [ . . . ] in our Courts, & take care [*three lines lost*] [and precaution this] Order also be publicquely hung up in the [ . . . ] a [list] of all the Officers ym[ploy]ed in the Courts of Judicature and their Sa[llaries] [ . . . ] eligible every yere, that if they misbehave themselves, they may be laid [ . . . ] retein a right to their places. And take care that you suffer not the num[ber] [ . . . ] and Attorneys to encrease; allowe no more, than are absolutely necess[ary] [ . . . ] 20 such ꝑsons are numerous they create suits.

The 2 grea[t brass] [ . . . ] that wee sent from hence wee did not designe for the use of that Island, be[ing of soe great value] [ . . . ] [therefore doe] Order you to sell them the best you can, give us a [particular accompt of them for that wee have] already supplied you, with Iron guns y$^{t}$ are a[s serviceable] not above a Sixth ꝑt of the value.

Wee finde th[at] [you enjoine] all writeings obligatorie, to be made by one Notary whom you have allowed o[f, and that no]ne should be looked on as authentique but such: Wee are apprehensive enough [of the reas]ons induceing you hereunto, but doe not approve thereof because many incon[veniencies] may attend it, and

by the law of our land a bond is Obligatorie, without re[spect to him] that writes it, & therefore wee wold have you consider of some other means to ob[viate those] inconveniences that induced you to make y$^{t}$ Order and upon your reply hereun[to wee sha]ll further give our thoughts the[rein.]

Joseph Burges being re[ndered by y]ou to be a ℔son of noe great insight, on w$^{ch}$ accompt you quitted him of the farm[es of the Cu]stomes, so much to our ℔judice in point of precedents; Wee can not approve of his be[ing ympl]oyed in that affaire for our accompt.

Wee finde that you ordered the [coman]ders of the Mary & ffalcon to give bond for keepeing Companye Wee would have you [to doe no]thing of this nature, but what the ℐomanders shall freely consent onto Only req[uire the]m to Consortship in their Voyage.

Wee observe you sent our ship Hun[ter on two] Expeditions as Convoy; but doe not dvise us, ho[ . . . ] respect to in such cases &, [to] g[ive] [ . . . ] ca[uti]on that w[e be not obliged thereby] [ . . . ]

By your consultacon bo[okes, it appears that one] [ . . . ] was condemned & executed, and 3 Theeves condemned; of [w$^{ch}$ two were executed, and one] made a Slave: Wee doe not approve the putting of any [to death for theft, nor that any and] our owne Nation shold be made slaves (a word that becomes not an E[nglish mans mouth), th]erefore doe order that you consid[er] of some other legall punishment for [them, in a way of due] correction, & hard labour, for such as are of the English Nation; & for others, [that they be b]anished the Island after such punishm$^{t}$:

As to buying of 100 black-servants if you can [procure su]ch as are willing to serve: wee shall approve thereof. But doe order that you caus[e them to] be instructed by our Chaplaines in the Christian Religion, and for their encorage[m$^{t}$ let] them knowe, that if they attaine [to such] a competent knowledge therein as to quali[fie th]em for the holy Sacrament of B[apti]sme, that after three yeres service as Christians [being] of a good coversacon [They] shal be admitted ffreemen.

Wee observe that instead of sending home M$^{r}$ West, acco[r]ding to our order, you [ . . . ] continue him in ymploymen[t], w$^{ch}$ wee doe not approve of, [and] expect that you comply w[th] our former directions, in sending him home.

Wee [well approve of the or]der you give for prosecuteing [of th]ose y$^{t}$ made light Pice, an[d] wold have you [very strict in] punishing all persons, that sh[all] counterfeit or debase our [ coins or weight.]

[ . . . ] dut[ch] Trumpeter, but [wold] have you be very [cautious] [ . . . ] of our [owne N]ation.

[ . . . ] Bombay, Wee are [sensible] [ . . . ] it may [ . . . ] and ours [ . . . ] [in case of the] [ . . . ] [Bombay as was of] [ . . . ] [him in the Page] [ . . . ] [point of M$^{r}$. Thomas] [*a few lines lost*].

[The Dutch] [ . . . ]; some of their Runwaies [in ] [ . . . ] entert [ . . . ] [sting them that wee have had] [ . . . ] wee have mutually [promise T]hat [ . . . ] forborne [for the future] [ . . . ] are [ . . . ] imploy none of their people, [ . . . ] they entertain [any of ours] [ . . . ] [of them.]

By what advice wee have from [o]ther parts, of Men of [Warr goeing] of Goodhope; wee suppose there may be some disturbance there, a[nd thou His Ma$^{tie}$] is at Peace with all his Neigh[bours, yet wee know not what] [ . . . ] before the return of our ships, [However if men of War should continue] [ . . . ] might be exposed to inconvenience, [& therefore wee have given it in charge] [ . . . ] they endeavor to make what [speed they can in their returne, That comeing] [ . . . ] may the better keep at a [convenient distance from the Cape] [ . . . ] any men of Warr.

There is some Barbary [Cop]per which wee now send you that is [ . . . ] laden on the Bombay Merch$^{t}$ [which] wee would have you take [speciall] [ . . . ] us as much as o$^{r}$ Sweedish ℐ[opp$^{r}$], and wee took upon it to be finer, [ . . . ] of it, There is also 120 Cakes [of] rough Barbary ℐopp$^{r}$ which stands [ . . . ]

wee send it onely for a Tryall for that if it yeild no profitt, [ . . . ] [quantities] at the same rate, Let [both] those ℔cells be sold apart & not ma[de] [ . . . ] distinct Accompt of them, be sent [un]to us.

Wee would ha[ve you procu]re 8 or ten Armenia Goates [ . . . ] send them to S[t] Hele[na] [ . . . ]cular directs [ . . . ] o[r] Governour [ . . . ] their breed apart, fo[r t]hat those [ . . . ] [be] sent [ . . . ] were left to run a [ . . . ] ordin[ . . . ] by [the Means the breed] [ . . . ] give them Order to [ . . . ] [th]e wool [ . . . ] & send it us home and thro[ . . . ] [time] of great use to [ . . . ] both [ . . . ] [it] & Merchandize.

Wee [ . . . ] Henry Smith behaved [himself] so [ . . . ] they thought not fitt to continue him there any longer, so that they have sent him to serve as a Soldier, a practice wee doe not approve of, and therefore doe order [that] you finde he be not reclaimed that you send him home by the first ships.

Wee now send for Bombay & Surrat the three following ships viz[t] [The Success], Cap[t] Geo: Swanley burthen 500 tuns The George Cap[t] Nehemiah Earning burde [ . . . ] and the Bombay Merch[t] Cap[t]: Roger Bennet 400 tuns burden. which [ . . . ] carry ¾ Kintlage, and have ordered them to stop first at Bombay and by [ . . . ] send £ 27,754: 8[s]: 03[d] in Bullion and — £ 69186: 1[s]: 3[d] in [ . . . ] viz[t]

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| [. . . Serges] | ... 285 | — | — | 1 box smiths files— | 15 | 10 | 6 |
| [. . . th Rashes] | ... 956 | 16 | 7 | 1 barr shold[r] Belts— | 15 | 8 | 8 |
| [. . . ] lead | ... 285 | 10 | — | 4 [che]sts Lead weights— | 14 | — | — |
| [. . . ] lead | ... 250 | 5 | 8 | 3 [ba]rr[ls] fflints— | 18 | — | — |
| [. . . ] nanee | ... 645 | 7 | 5 | 3 [Copy] Paper Quills &c— | 70 | — | 8 |
| [. . . ] & Silver | ... 833 | 17 | — | 1 [Che]st gold— | 5824 | 8 | 4 |
| [. . . ] lead | ... 428 | 15 | 9 | 11 [Che]sts silver— | 4056 | 17 | 9 |
| [. . . ] | ... 3137 | 10 | — | 12 [Che]sts Corrall— | 4613 | — | 6 |
| [. . . ] [lates] | ...[3036] | 12 | — | 30 [r[l]] Musket Shott &c. | 27 | — | — |
| [. . . ] Coales | ... 42 | — | — | 1 b[. . . ]t Lanth[rns] & Lanth horma. | 9 | 15 | — |
| [. . . ] dish Iron | 610 | 9 | 4 | 2 C[hes]t Chyrur[ry] & 2 Boxes of prepara-con | 116 | — | — |
| [. . . ] Canary— | 228 | 17 | — | | | | |
| [. . . ] [C]loth | ...[829 | 14] | 3 | Anchors ... ... | 35 | 12 | 6 |
| [. . . ] | | | | [. . . ] | 210 | — | — |
| [. . . ] | | | | [. . . ] | 1 | 18 | 3 |
| [. . . ] | | | | [. . . ] w[th] | 50 | [10] | 6 |
| [. . . ] [wards]— | [204] | | | [. . . ]low | 1 | — | — |
| [Chests] and [B]eames & Scales | | 6 | | Stro[. . . ] | 30 | — | — |
| [. . . ] [B]andeelers | | 17 | | [B]arrells ... | 30 | — | — |
| [. . . ] [in] a Chest | | 9 | | Spe[. . . ] | 3 | 15 | — |
| | | | | | 39 [749] | [14] | 0 |

The Bombay, you are imediately to dispatch for Bantam with such goods as shall present on ffreight, and fill her up with Corne on our Accompt, & herein you are to loose no time that we run not into Demoorage. The other two with one of those ships imployed for Persia, you are to dispeed for England with goods mentioned in ours of the 28[th] June Overland, of which inclosed comes the Copy, takeing care to keep as neer as may be to the sorts Ordered.

Upon the opening & viewing our remaining Callicoes for our Sale, wee finde that the broad & narrow [B]afts and Sovaguzzees, are for the most part good Cloth well cured & handled; and that those that are least Starched and stifned, gi[ve] best content, but as wee advised you in o[r] overland Letters, they cost very de[a]r and much dearer then formerly, and are not so equall and even sorted a[s] wee desire, for in the same Bal[es] they differ in goodnes from 6[d] to 12[d] & 18[d] a peece, there[fo]re wee doe a[gain] req[ui]re you, to give a Strict charge to all the severa[ll] ffactories, to be ver[y carefull] in the sorting and the packing of our Callicoes, th[at] [. . . ] number and Bale of [the] sa[me] sort be of as equal goodnes as may be, which [. . . . ] [be a great satisfaction] both to o[r] selves and o[r] Buyers, what exce[p]tions [. . . . ] [the severall sorts as] also what wee finde wanting or o[ver in in] [. . . ] for the sale is as followes.

[. . . . ] then in [former] [. . . . ] the same p[rice.]

[. . . . ] short by [. . . . ] too [. . . . ] by ⅛ of [. . . ] [then further] [. . . ] [have] the fine [. . . . ] [. . . . ] [T]apseles broad [. . . . ]nd much worse and dearer then wee [have from other places].

[The Niccanees marked ] [ . . . ][by the][ . . . ] arrow and coarse and by [Invoice should be but 8 peeces which [ . . . ][Rup$^{s}$] 26 pice, but wee finde the [Bale 1120 peeces. And X n$^{o}$ 2] [ . . . ][Invoi]ce 640 peecs, which [cost] Rup [54 pice L Corge] [ . . . ] [and therein] [ . . . ] [320] peecs, so that the dif[ference] [ . . . ][must be made good] [ . . . ].

Brawles from [ . . . ] by almost a yard & [ . . . ] then in former yeers.

Bafts narrow, from [Bombay] Bn$^{o}$ 2 are short in length, and much too dea[re] and by Invoice should be 8 Bales of long, & 2 short, but in the opening wee finde them six bales long and 4 bales [short.]

℔autbaes marked S from Surratt white and Blew, are shorter [ . . . ] then formerly.

Dungarees R : N$^{o}$ 1 by the Rainbow from Rajapore, are too narrow [ . . . ] and very bad Cloth.

All the Brodera Cloth, is much too dear, and worse for the price [the] same sorts bought at other places.

Bafts narrow from Nunderabaud ; marked NB, are too short, [ . . . ] coarse for our Markett.

Sovaguzzees : B : from Brodera, by the Ann, noted to be 18 yar[ds] in the Invoice, and doe contain but 16 yards.

Quilts large, by the East India Mer$^{t}$ from Ahmadabad, ⊕ not in the Invoice to be 4 yards long, and 3¼ yards broad, doe contain but [ . . . ] in length and 3 year broad.

Tapseles narrow V by the New London from Uncliseir are c[oarse] and thin.

Bafts broad S from Surratt [are too course, and narrow and un]fitt for this Markett.

Bafts narrow C [ . . . ] from ℒambaja, by the Massingberd are [ . . . ] by two yards, too narrow by $\frac{1}{16}$, & cost so dear, that wee would have no [ . . . ] them sent us.

Narrow Bafts B n$^{o}$ A : B : C : ℔ Massingberd, are too narrow by [ . . . ] yard and much too dear.

Bafts broad X N$^{o}$ AB from Broach, are very much too dear.

Bafts broad ⊕ n$^{o}$ 1 from Ahmadabad are very coarse and dear.

Narrow Bafts V AB by Invoice from Uncliseir, should contain 18 yards [ . . . ] but 16 yards. So likewise narrow Bafts X n$^{o}$ A : by Invoice are noted to [have] 16½ yards and doe contain but 15 yards. The half peecs of Narrow Bafts [ . . . ] Surratt are too narrow very coarse and not fitt for our Markett.

Wee likewise finde wanting in those bales, that wee have already opene[d] these ℔ticulars following Viz$^{t}$

℔ y$^{e}$ Ann.
- 1 p̃s Narrow Bafts X n$^{o}$ 4 from Broach.
- 12 p̃s white Pautkaes R n$^{o}$ 1 from Rajapore.
- 12 p̃s Ditto N$^{o}$ 2

℔ New London.
- 1 p̃s Guinea Stuff N$^{o}$ B from Broder[a].
- 1 p̃s Broad Bafts [ D] L n$^{o}$ 5 from Dol[ka]
- 2 p̃s Narrow Bafts [C] B from C[am]baja

℔ Ma [ssing] berd.
- 1 p̃s [ . . . ] Serungs [ . . . ] from Surratt.
- 1 p̃s B [ . . . ] from [ . . . ]
- ½ p̃s [ . . . ] fr [ . . . ]
- [1 p̃s] [ . . . ]
- 1 p̃s Ditto [ . . . ] from [ . . . ]

[ . . . ] [from Carwar]
[ . . . ] [Barwar]
[ . . . ]
[ . . . ]

[By the Rainbow.]

[*A few lines lost*]

[ . . . ] [of coloured stuffs in a Bale of sorts] marked D L by y^e^ Massingberd.

[160] [ . . . ] [iccanees more then Invoiced marked B] by the Massingberd.

1[20] [ . . . ] [more then by Invoice marked B by] y^e^ Golden fleece.

These [ . . . ] [found in those goods] that wee have already] [ . . . ] [here]after, you shall be advised of, therefore you must be very care[full for] the future to avoid Errors both on the one hand and the other, and [to be very] exact both in packing, sorting and [ladeing] o^r^ [goods.]

Wee have ℔used the Bale of Samples sent home by the Massingberd, and doe [finde o]nely these sorts following to be proper for our Markett, and that will turn to Accompt, of which wee would have you send as underwritten for a Tryall, the samples whereof that you sent us wee have returned by the ship George.

1000 peecs of Sallowes Comervilley which cost 4¼ Rup^s^ wee would have them rather finer then the samples & very cleer and even.

1000 peeces Bafts Brampore which cost 2 Rupees.

1000 peecs Sallowes Comervilley of the same Sort as the brown, but whited there which cost 2¼ Rupees.

1000 peecs of Culga Silks which cost 5 Rupees, we had rather have them double the bredth of this sample or full yard Broad and 14 yards long, and if they could be printed with variety of workes of 3 or 4 sorts and a quantity of each work * * * they would be more desireable, but the Colours are well as they are now done.

[1000] peecs of Handkercheifs of Brampore which cost 1¼ Rupee with [variety] of handsome running works within the borders, or full of [small] flowers [set] close together, if the Cloth were something finer [they ar]e printed upon, it would be the better. And y^e^ like quantity of ye [a]forementionfed] goods we wold have you provide & send us by y^e^ next yeers shipping.

[T]he rest of the Samples either cost too dear or are not vendible [h]ere, or may be provided better cheap in other places.

You are to take care to load no more on these Ships then the Tunnage agreed by Charter ℔ty, except you finde you have an Overplus of goods to [l]ade both these and the ℔ersia ships, and note, that the 5 ℔ Cent and the Iron Kintlage is part of the Tunnage Lett; But in the Stowage the [I]ron Kintlage is to be reckoned 3 tuns for one, All which you will finde fully explained by the endorcement on the Charter-party Copy whereof is herewith sent.

Those ships being dispatched you are to provide the following goods for the next shipping viz^t^.

| | |
|---|---|
| Bafts narrow ... ... ... ... ... | 15000 peeces |
| Ditto without Stifning ... ... ... | 8000 |
| Ditto browne ... ... ... ... ... | 7000 |
| Broad Bafts ... ... ... ... ... | 30000 |
| without Stifning ... ... ... ... | 4000 |
| Blew Bafts ... ... ... ... ... | 6000 |
| Chints Narrow ... ... ... ... ... | 10000 |
| broad ... ... ... ... ... ... | 12000 |
| Serungee ... ... ... ... ... | 10000 |
| [ . . . ] ... ... ... ... | 6000 |
| B[road] [ . . . ] ... ... ... ... | 1000 |
| [Niccane] ... ... ... ... ... | 8000 |
| [ . . . ] ... ... ... ... ... | 6000 |
| [Pautkaes white] ... ... ... ... | 20000 |
| [Ditto bl]ew .. ... ... ... ... | 4000 |

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| [Dungarees white] | ... | ... | ... | ... | 40000 peecees |
| [Doorbands large] | ... | ... | ... | ... | 10000 |
| [ „ small] | ... | ... | ... | ... | 8000 |
| [Guinea Stass] | ... | ... | ... | ... | [15000] |
| [Quilts lar]ge | ... | ... | ... | ... | 8[000] |
| [ „ sm]all | ... | ... | ... | ... | [2000] |
| Byra[mp]auts | ... | ... | ... | ... | 6[0]00 |
| Sovaguzzees | ... | ... | ... | ... | 25000 |

The white broad & Narrow Bafts and Sovaguzzees to be one half without Starch or Stifning and the other ha[lf] to be as usuall.

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Sena | ... | ... | ... | ... | 20 bales |
| Sticklack black | ... | ... | ... | ... | 200 |
| Salarmoniac | ... | ... | ... | ... | 10 tunns |
| Lahore Indico | ... | ... | ... | ... | 400 bales |
| Round Cirques | ... | ... | ... | ... | 80 |
| fflaft ditto | ... | ... | ... | ... | 20 |
| Carmenia wool | ... | ... | ... | ... | 300 bales |

or if [good] at reasonable Rates to [the] quantity of 400 bal[es]

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Cardemums | ... | ... | ... | ... | 200 bales |
| Olibanum | ... | ... | ... | ... | 50 Chests |
| Benjamin | ... | ... | ... | ... | 20 bales |

Alloes Soccatrina 8,000lb. [ . . . ] be putt up in Jarrs

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Coho seeds | ... | ... | ... | ... | 200 bales. |
| Spihenard | ... | ... | ... | ... | 20 chests |

clean [and] pickt and good or els none.

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Tramboone | ... | ... | ... | ... | 300 bales |

Pepper of severall [sorts] ac[cord]ing to Order of ye 8th March our shipping both in pric[e] and quantity.

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Shellack | ... | ... | ... | ... | 100 bales. |
| Seedlack | ... | ... | ... | ... | 200 bales. |
| Alloes Hepattica | ... | ... | ... | ... | 10 Chests |

Wee recomend to you to consider of suc[h] Bulky goods as may turn to Accompt, whereby wee might increase ou[r T]unnage yeerly for the more convenient carrying out of such gruff g[ood]s as you require and increase [ . . . ] number of our Shipping and advise us [th]ereof.

This yeer goes out Mr T[ickb]urne a * * free Merchants an[d] Planters, wee would have you yeerly advise us how these People con[ . . . ] themselves, and yor opinion of the con[véni]ency or inconveniency of ℔mitt[ing] such for the future.

Alvaro Peres de Tavora hath made a great complaint to the [ . . . ] & Councell to which wee have given our [ . . . ] busines is Still [ . . . ] Concerning him you have had [ . . . ] from us, Copies of [ . . . ] our Papers wee herewith se[ . . . ] [y]ou send us an answer thereunto with proofes of [ . . . ]

The last yeer [ . . . ]ity of Cloth & designe[d] Persia, In order to [ . . . ] [Com]odities, and d[ . . . ] you to use yor [ . . . ]ment thereof, and acquaint us [ . . . ] in the mean time if you find any of the English manufactures now sent out, or tha[t you have remaining, will turn] to [ . . . ] [in persia wee would have you send them thither to furnish the Mar] [ . . . ] the ven[t, till wee may further supply thereof from hence.]

[Since the writeing the aforegoeing Clauses touching] [ . . . ] [with the [ . . . ] [Matics in] [ . . . ] [whereof comes] herewith, by [ . . . ] [things you] [ . . . ] [that] wee are directed to [forb]ear and refuse the

paymen[ts] [ . . . ] [at] Tannah & Carinjah, and eve[n to] resist the same in the best [manner] [ . . . ] can, which Order of his Ma^tie you are to observe according[ly,] [ . . . ] [that] it occasion not a Warr between the Two Nations.

In a former Clause wee have acquainted you of [the] [ . . . ] [wee] herewith send you against yo^r Accompt and proceedings at Su[r . . . ] th[ere m]ay be many small things therein which wee suppose you [ . . . ] sa[tisfac]tion in, yet upon the reading the whole, wee were very [ . . . ] [troubled] to [see] the great expences and presents the prices of goods an[d] P[rofitt allowed] in [buyin]g and the charges upon them, and the Auditor acquaints us that [he has not] yet [gone] thorow the Bombay nor all the Surratt Books, but [that he by a Gene]rall view observes there are many of the like objections, [which has] caused [us] a Little to consider of our Surratt Trade, and[where wee] hoped[ tha]t it would have reasonably turned to Accompt, wee [finde that] consid[ering] the dearnes of the goods, the shortnes of Invest[ments] that you re[tur]ne us as to what wee send you out, that wee had [better] forbear then co[nt]inue it, unles by a more frugall management it [may be] reduced [to] that which may afford us some Profitt worth our ingageing in which w[ee] earnestly recomend to you, by forbearing yo^r Presents, easing our [ . . . ] Interest, and instead of buying goods [ . . . ] dear rat[es] at a distance, and allowing profitt upon them, and great charges in bring[ing] the same to Surratt, besides the imbezlement and [ . . . ] That you doe contrive the best way you can to make Contra [ . . . ] Persons [th]at may deliver them at Surratt, where they are boug[ht] [ . . . ] then wee [c]an have them at a distance, though wee deliver out [ . . . ] before hand, give us a full answer in ℔ticular to [ . . . ] [things] and to [ . . . ] [y]ou finde drawn up by the Auditor.

The [ff]reinds of M^r Delbo and others that are deceas[ed ] in the Voyage of [y^e] Ship Returne, desireing that their Accompts [may be made] up, wee wou[ld] have you send home those Bookes that wee [may have] the true state [there] of and acquaint us with what there is in an[y of] our Bookes with y[ou, t]hat any way concerns the said Accompts.

Upo[n the req]uest of Simon Owen That his son Phillip [ . . . ] who went out a [Mariner] 5 yeers since in the ship Returne ma[y] [ . . . ] would have you give him liberty a[ccordingly] [ . . . ] our next shipping if he desire it.

[ . . . ]th patternes of 49 fine mixt coloure[d] [ . . . ] of one bale of the finest coloured [ . . . ] dyed in the wool, wee would hav[e] [ . . . ] sell, as also of all other our [ . . . ] that sell best.

[ . . . ] Invoiced on board y^e Success but [ . . . ] as you will finde by y^e bil [ . . . ].

In the ℳhest of Paper N° 4 is 5 dozen of Tanned Leather Gloves, which at y^e [ . . . ] of a Person of Quality who setts the poor on work in Lancashire in makeing of [ . . . ] wee have sent to be disposed of at Bombay, and if they finde a vent a quan[tity] thereof may be yeerly sent you for encouragem^t of that manufacture & main [tenance] of the poor that are very numerous, They cost 8^s a dozen.

If upon the arrivall of these ships you can procure goods sufficient to [ . . . ] the Tunnage wee are obliged [ . . . ] ℳharter ℔ty on the Succes and y^e George and [have] provided for the Scipio Affricanus & Persia Merch^t and can also lade the Bomb[ay] Mer^t with you, wee would have you also to dispeed her home with these other Sh[ips] directly from Surratt, with a Sortment of goods on her proporconable to what [wee] have ordered for the other ships, And wee desire That this may be effected [ . . ] then to send her for Bantam, which if you cañot accomplish, dispeed her for Bantam as is formerly directed.

Upon the desire of M^r Nath^l Reading That his Son Charles Readin[g] who went from hence the last yeer for Bombay, may be admitted into our Serv[ice] Wee doe order if you have found him of good behaviour, That you imploy him a[s] [a] Writ[er] at Bombay, and that he be rancked after those already entertained, [ . . . ] have setled his Sallary at 10£ ℔ annum to comence from the arrivall of these ships, and herewith wee send you his Indenture of Covenants and Bond which y[ou] are to send us back sealed and attested by good witnes.

You having not returned us Mr Wilcox his Accompts nor acquainted u[s] what Estate he left for the support of his ffamily, upon consideration o[f your] report you gave us of him, wee doe order that if his relict be still a [ . : . ] and that he hath not left wherewith to maintain her, That you make [ . . . ] moderate allowance for her present support dureing her Widdowhood or till [her] returne for England, and send us home his Accompt, therein makeing good h[is] Sallary, and chargeing the money which you pay unto her.

Inclosed is a Letter to Fort St George which wee desire may be [sent] with the first oportunity. So wee comitt you to the guidance and pro[tection] of the Almighty and remaine.

[ . . . ]ing That Mr Jon Philps Cheif Mate of the [ . . . ] deceased and that his wife is Administratrix [ . . . ] have you assist those whome she shall impower, [ . . . ] of his Estate, & bringing it into our Cash and [ . . . ] goods Books &c be sent by the first ships [home and] advice us of yor proceedings.

MATH ANDREWES

JOHN JOLLIFE JOHN LETHIE[ULLIER]

JOHN PAIGE ARTHUR INGRAM

JNO MORDENT

EDWARD RUDGE

SAM MO[YE]R

NATH[ . . . ]

THO: CAN[HAM]

[ . . . ]

JA. HOUBL[ON]

Your very Loveing f[friends]

WILL. THOMSON Go[vr]

JA [EDWAR][DS] Deptie Govrnr.

JOHN MOORE

ROB THOMS[ON]

CHARLES THOR[OLD]

DANIELL SHELDON

[CH]RIS[BOO]NE.

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## THE HONBLE: COMPA: LETTER TO SURRAT, 167⅞. [—COPY.]

OUR PRESIDT & COUNCELL ATT SURATT. London—15th: March 1677.

1. Wee wrote you at large on ye: 7th: & 21st: March by our last yeares shiping, & since yt: overland by our lres dated ye: 19th: July, 2d: of Augst: 7th: & 29th: of Sept: Copies of wch: four last, wee herewth: send you & now shall give full answer to vors: of ye: 7th: of Aprill, 22th: of Sept: 22th: & 23 of January, 21th: of ffebruarie & 20th: of March 1676 & 7th: of Aprill last.

2. Wee expect a Pformance of vor: often reiterated promises, yt: when you had a stock sufficient, you would ease us of Interest money, and yt: wee should find a considerable (not to say unspeakable, wch: is vor: owne terme) advantage, & wee might have hoped for it in ye: prices of the Goods recd: by these ships, for wee wrote in our lres by them, & sent you a Calculate made out by or: Accomptant by wch: it appeared you had stock sufficient for ye: Goods order'd by those ships, & y Stock sent out by them, to have served to have made provision for ye: goods yt: were to come by ye: next shiping, but of ys: you take so little notice, yt; wee find not our charge of Interest lessen'd & in lieu of abatemt; of ye; prices, our goods come dearer & by yor: Consultation booke above 200000 rupees taken up at Interest de Novo Wee desire instead of fair & specious words, wee may have reall and advantagious

℔formances, for as our trade is now mannaged there, wee have no encouragem$^{t}$; to continue it, & therefore wee recoñend to you y$^{e}$: lessening y$^{e}$: prices, y$^{e}$: sending us good Goods & frugality in yo$^{r}$: expences & presents, w$^{ch}$: wee find are Growne to a great excesse, you must take care not to exceed our Settlem$^{t}$: for wee cannot allow of many things y$^{t}$: you bring to our acco$^{t}$: to instance in a few.

3. The p$^{r}$senting y$^{e}$: Gov$^{r}$: and Shawbunder of Surr$^{t}$: 1300$^{rups}$: upon a vissit made to y$^{e}$: Presid$^{t}$: after he had been Sick, & 2000 rup$^{s}$: for Horses ℔sented in 1671 & 1672, a present to y$^{e}$: ℒattawalls Son, only because he had a mind to vissit our ships w$^{ch}$: though it was now but small yet if wee Judge by other yo$^{r}$: late Presid$^{ts}$: will soon be augmented & who will not be curious to view our Ships, & oblige you by vissits when they shall be so well rewarded.

4. Wee have often, & now againe mind you, y$^{t}$ it is proffit, not grandeur, w$^{ch}$: is our end in trading, & where men take no care to be frugall, little advantage will accrew by their Coñerce.

5. Wee note y$^{e}$: rise of ℒocheneale, & observing you have often times sold our staple ℒoñodities low & at long time, In lesse then w$^{ch}$: in all probability the Goods would have risen, Wee do order y$^{t}$: for ℒocheneale, ℒorrall and other Staple ℒommodities y$^{t}$: will not perish with lying, you doe not sell them at under rates, & at time but rather keepe y$^{m}$: till y$^{e}$; price mends & wee shall forbeare to send more of such, till, you encourage us to it, for what advantage is it to us to sell goods lowe & to give long time, & you in y$^{e}$ meane while make us pay so great an Interest for money.

6. The Gunns, Anchors & other things you write for, will be sent you by these ships.

7. Wee note what you write about a liberty of trade for Bantam &c$^{a}$, Wee have given so large a liberty already y$^{t}$: wee did not thinke y$^{t}$: more would have been asked, & being wee are resolved to carry on y$^{t}$: trade our selves, Wee require you to discourage all others especially those of Bantam whose trade hath been found very prejudiciall to us, & it is much in yo$^{r}$: power to make y$^{m}$: weary of it, & had y$^{e}$: Ship been Sold as Agent Dacres alledges you had order to doe, it had put an end to it, But so long as you make ℔sents & buy their goods & mannage their affaires or appoint or encourage others to doe it wee cannot expect but they should continue it, w$^{ch}$: if they doe wee require you y$^{t}$: none in our imployment directly or indirectly doe buy or sell or Trade with y$^{m}$:, but yet you are so to mannage this business as not to give open disgust w$^{ch}$: you are to avoid.

8. If from y$^{e}$: Agency of Bantam any ships come to you for our acco$^{t}$: you are to dispose of y$^{e}$: Goods to our best advantage, and returne y$^{e}$: ships to y$^{m}$: with such goods as they advise for, but if any Goods shall come to you by y$^{m}$: fitt for y$^{e}$: Europe market, wee would have you send y$^{m}$: to us & doe wonder y$^{t}$; you did not reserve y$^{e}$: 11 bales of ℒardamons by y$^{e}$: Mayboome, it being a coñodity wee write for.

9. Wee note y$^{e}$: sever$^{ll}$: losses Susteyned by Sevagees Armie, & y$^{e}$: cheate put upon you in y$^{e}$: ℒoconuts, y$^{e}$: promises he made. and the hopes you had of satisfaction, and shall be glad it may prove soe, of w$^{ch}$: wee expect an acco$^{t}$:, Wee would have you state to us y$^{e}$: losses susteyned by Sevagee for w$^{ch}$: he agreed to pay us 10000$^{Pago}$ & whether y$^{t}$: composicon was for y$^{e}$: whole English estate lost at y$^{t}$: time, or only for ours, If for y$^{e}$: whole, then advise us y$^{e}$: ℔ticular losses of each ℔son & our owne, what you have recover'd thereon, & the charges in obteining it, & what is brought net into our Cash y$^{t}$: wee may give to each their due proportion.

10. Wee observe in sev$^{ll}$: of yo$^{r}$: lres you mencon y$^{e}$: Imploym$^{t}$: of y$^{e}$: Ships Returne, Revenge & Hunter upon freights w$^{ch}$: yourselves say will not pay y$^{e}$: charge, & therefore wee wonder what induced you to it, wee therefore order y$^{t}$: y$^{e}$: Returne be fitted w$^{th}$: ground Tackle sailes &c$^{a}$: & sent to Bantam to be employ'd in y$^{t}$: Agency & y$^{t}$: care be taken y$^{t}$: she goe away Sometime in January or ffeb$^{ry}$: at y$^{e}$: latest y$^{t}$: so she may be ready for a voyage to China & y$^{t}$: you send upon her what goods you have in a readiness & fill her up w$^{th}$: Rice & what other goods you can gett upon ffreight & for our other small vessells, y$^{t}$: you keep no more y$^{n}$:

are absolutely necessary for y$^{e}$: service & security, of our trade & Island for y$^{t}$: wee find a great loss on all our shiping w$^{th}$: in yo$^{r}$: Precidency.

11. Wee are very glad y$^{t}$: you finde our business best done in those places where our owne serv$^{ts}$: are Imploy'd, & you give us no reason why you may not send some of our serv$^{ts}$: to Agra, as well as to other places, w$^{th}$: out Settling a ffactory, w$^{ch}$: yo$^{r}$: Predecess$^{rs}$: have at times done, & wee require you to experiment it, & if you find it convenient they may carry up some cloth to vend there. But if for reasons yet unkown to us, this cannot be done without settling a ffactory, then wee would have you consid$^{r}$: whether you may not Imploy some Banians or others to buy for you, or contract w$^{th}$: some ℔sons to deliver you at Surat such q$^{tie}$: of Indico as you shall require at cheap$^{r}$: rates y$^{n}$: you now pay, for wee have cause to thinke y$^{t}$: those you Imploy are both buyers & sellers.

12. Wee note y$^{e}$: Apologie you make about y$^{e}$: large brancht ℐhints & ℐotton yarne, y$^{t}$: y$^{e}$: Brokers were indebted to you for large sums imprested y$^{m}$: Wee doe require you to endeavour what in you lies to contract w$^{th}$: ℔sons to deliver such goods as you want at Surat at y$^{r}$: hazard, to pay for y$^{m}$: on delivery both to avoyd this hazard, and y$^{e}$: great charge of insurance; But if you must imprest money, then take care to have good Security for their ℔formance, y$^{t}$: you be not obliged to take worse or other goods y$^{n}$: order'd or agreed, or to runn y$^{e}$: hazard of bad debts, as you did in y$^{e}$: case of y$^{e}$: broad chints, & y$^{e}$: course ℐotton yarne.

13. Wee note w$^{t}$: you say about Pepper, & have written Soe largely about it, y$^{t}$: wee have not to Add, but to continue to recomend to you to procure it cheape, for wee sold y$^{e}$: last sale at 7$\frac{5}{8}^{d}$ ℔ lb w$^{ch}$: produceth us nett about 2$^{d}$ $\frac{1}{4}$ ℔ lb; but wee would have you note y$^{t}$: y$^{e}$: Same w$^{ch}$: you call Decan Pepper, w$^{ch}$: is y$^{e}$: largest ℐorne & dearest both there & here wee call Mallabar, & y$^{e}$: small & lowest sort wee call Billiapatam or Quilone.

14. Wee have observed w$^{t}$: M$^{r}$: Petit saith in his defence about y$^{e}$: want of Pepper ℔ y$^{e}$: Golden ffleece &c$^{a}$: Ships y$^{e}$: last yeare, & though he would have us beleeve he did not willfully wrong us in q$^{tie}$: yet wee find you all guilty in conniving at y$^{e}$: abuses of those ℐommand$^{rs}$: ffor he alleadges y$^{t}$: they refused to take y$^{e}$: Pepper in by weight, y$^{t}$: they cutt y$^{e}$: bales & shot y$^{e}$: Pepper & y$^{t}$: they all carried up great q$^{ties}$: of Pepper on their private acco$^{ts}$: w$^{ch}$: had you according to yo$^{r}$: duties, & y$^{e}$: trust reposed in you acquainted us w$^{th}$: all in time, wee should have had satisfaccon from y$^{m}$: w$^{ch}$: now must lye upon you, & you must place it amongst yo$^{r}$: selves, let us know by y$^{e}$: first y$^{e}$: q$^{tie}$: y$^{t}$: each of those Ships tooke in w$^{ch}$: was not for our acco$^{t}$:

15. West is yet not come home, & as for Sclater wee find y$^{t}$: after he was sent for by us, he was made Purser of one of our ships, though you knew he was sent from Bantam to Bombay for his debaucheries. Wee find you are very unwilling to ℔forme orders of y$^{s}$: kind, be they never so possitive, whatever charges or Sallaries are placed to our acco$^{t}$: for them since they were first order'd home, wee shall not allow, & y$^{e}$: same wee shall observe in y$^{e}$: like cases for y$^{e}$: future.

16. Wee should be very glad y$^{t}$: you may secure y$^{e}$: money for y$^{e}$: Lead & doe approve y$^{t}$: you part w$^{th}$: no money to Rustum till y$^{e}$: whole be secured.

17. The bills you say you have given for ℐap$^{t}$: Andersons money wee are advised are at Bantam, whether wee have written to have y$^{m}$: sent home, to be deliver'd to his Exec$^{rs}$: & wee shall pay y$^{e}$: money here w$^{th}$: our usuall Interest & take up yo$^{r}$: bills, So y$^{t}$: you are not to make good any Principall or Interest there.

18. The Presid$^{ts}$: Share of Encomiendoes shall be paid to M$^{r}$: Jollife as he desires, but wee require y$^{t}$: while you give strict caution y$^{t}$: others doe not abuse our favour by indirect conveyances, soe wee expect y$^{t}$: you put y$^{e}$: full value into y$^{e}$: bills of Lading for wee have observed considerable differences betwixt them & y$^{e}$: Invoyces of what Laden both by y$^{e}$: Presid$^{t}$: & others of our owne serv$^{ts}$: & from y$^{e}$: ffort they are exact to a Fañam of w$^{t}$: came in register.

19. As to keeping of a register, wee againe require it to be done & had much rather our orders were executed then to be only told you are desirous to doe it, being you are convinced y$^{t}$: it is just & usefull, But wee thinke not fit to send out a publiq: Notarie for y$^{s}$: worke, but doe order y$^{t}$: amongst y$^{e}$: soldiers y$^{t}$: have

served their time of 7 yeares you find out some Ingenious ℔son to ℔forme $y^s$: & $y^e$: ℔ties concerned to pay him Such a moderate rate as may be competent for him & not greivous to $y^m$: & if none of $yo^r$: soldiers $y^t$: have served Soe long are fitt for it, you may find one among $y^e$: free $merch^{ts}$: but wee would have our owne $Serv^{ts}$: first preferr'd, & for $y^e$: better encouragem$^t$: of our Soldiers to serve us well & faithfully, wee doe order $y^t$: after they have Served 7 yeares as Soldiers, if you find any capable of better Imployment you give us notice of their qualificacons, & how they may be better Imployed, & wee will prefer $y^m$: & $y^e$: like for their Children, if they will give $y^m$: educacon, so as to fit $y^m$: for our service, but you are not to take any off, from doing $y^e$: dutie of Soldiers, or put $y^m$: on other Imploym$^t$: till they have served their full time, & let $y^s$: order be published, whereby to excite $y^m$: to vertue & industry, & while wee are taking care for their temporall good, wee hope $y^t$: our ℔haplaines doe their duties in teaching & ℔atechizing $y^m$:, to fit $y^m$: for an eternall Estate, of $w^{ch}$: wee expect you give us an acco$^t$:

20. Out of Such as those you may Supply those occasions, for $w^{ch}$: you say, you will Imploy Portugall & Banian Scrivans, for taking examining & adjusting $y^e$: Genll: acco$^{ts}$; of $y^e$: Island, for wee would not have any but our owne Nation Imploy'd in affaires of $y^t$: Nature especially no Europeans, & therefore we utterly dislike your employing of Such.

21. Wee doe constantly give it in charge to our Comand$^{rs}$: to behave $y^m$: selves $w^{th}$: respect both to our $Serv^{ts}$: abroad & their Passengers, & if any doe otherwise, wee would have $y^m$: named to us, elce by blaming of some whom you mencon not, you accuse all and wee would have you also carry yourselves towards $y^m$: soe; as to give no occasion of complaint of too great a height.

22. Wee cannot soe lightly pass over, $y^e$: Imputacon you laid on our whole court, when you write us you durst not discover those ℔omand$^{rs}$: $y^t$: had behaved $y^m$: selves ill, for feare of displeasing those $y^t$: had recomended $y^m$: & wee still expect to have both nam'd, & $y^e$: copies of those lres, for though $y^e$: ℔son whom you say penn'd that clause be dead, yet wee cannot imagine you soe weake to ℔mit it to be put into $yo^r$: gen$^{ll}$: & own'd by $yo^r$: selves in subscribing it, except you had seen $y^e$: lres, nor could you be Ignorant of $y^e$: names of those ℔ommanders whom you $yo^r$: selves so blame, & though $y^e$: ℔son be dead, yet you have his Papers, & therefore wee require, by $y^e$: returne of these ships to have a full acco$^t$: thereof, & $y^e$: lres or at least $y^e$: clauses & names of those that wrote them.

23. Your ℔mitting $y^t$: Gentleman passage on our ship wee can no way approve, It being both contrary to our orders, & in the consequence may prove prejudiciall to our affaires & therefore wee require you to admit none but his $Ma^{ties}$: subjects to returne on our ships, & in case of $y^e$: Mortality of our seamen, let $y^e$: ships be supply'd with $y^e$: Peeple of our Island or other English $y^t$: Navigate in those Seas, rather then any of our Neighbours, for $y^e$: Dutch & wee are under a mutuall promise, not to entertaine each others $serv^{ts}$:, or mariners either by land or sea, $w^{ch}$: wee would have you observe.

24. And for our other neighbour affaires here have $y^e$: aspect of a Warr, soe $y^t$: you are by no meanes to make use of any of those two.

24. Wee doe note $y^e$: earnest and reiterated desire of our Presid$^t$: $y^t$: wee would appoint his Succ$^r$; & fix $y^e$: time for his returne, & are very sorry his indispositions doe increase, wee doe therefore appoint $M^r$: Tho: Rolt, to succeed to $y^r$: Presidency, & to enter into $y^t$: charge, on returne of these ships for England or on the 20$^{th}$: of $Jan^{ry}$: 78 $w^{ch}$: shall first happen & in case of $y^e$: death of Mr. Rolt, then $M^r$: Cesar Chambrelan to enter into $y^t$: charge & wish our Presid$^t$: a safe & good returne, & have given our ℔omanders order to give him a fitting accomodacon, but untill $M^r$: Chambrelan doe come to be Presid$^t$:, $M^r$: James is to continue in his place next to $M^r$: Rolt.

26. Wee are very well pleased $w^{th}$: $y^e$: faire ℔haracter you give us of our $serv^{ts}$: & hope $y^t$: they deserve it, for wee find $y^e$: ℔haracters given in $yo^r$ lres doe not gree $w^{th}$: passages in other $yo^r$: Papers, and seeing $yo^r$: ℔ouncill is soe thinn wee doe

order Mr: John Child to remove to Surre: to take his due place in ye: Councill & let Mr: Saml. Austin & Mr: John Chase, of whom wee have had very fair Characters be removed to Surat unless there be extraordinary cause to ye: Contrary of wch: acqt us by yr: next.

27. We cannot but take notice Pticularly of Mr: Autins industrie in detecting ye: Broker (you order'd him to Imploy) of those great frauds, & would have all our servts: encouraged to doe ye: like; for wee are sencible wee are to much abused by those People, & you ought not to encourage yt: Broker, as you did by sending another to be second to Mr: Austen only on yt: accot:, and doe apprehend yt: yor: kindness to ye: cheife Broker had too great an Influence on you, especially when wee find him guilty of soe great frauds, as appeares by ye: report of Mr: Charles James computed to 22446rups: 48 pice, & expect yt: you procure full Satisfaccon, seeing as you say you have security for him, for wee are confirmed yt: he hath abused us, wee finding ye: goods he sent are 6 P Ct: dearer, & 10 P Ct: worse then those brought by Mr: Austin, & here wee cannot but note ye: great inconvenience, wee are under yt: none of our servts: doe make ym: selves Masters of ye: Banian language, soe yt: had not Mr: James been capable to doe it, you must have trusted some of his accomplises wch: would have defeated it, & therefore wee require you to encourage all our Servts: & Soldiers, & their Children to learne it, & when any have attained soe as to be able to speake write & translate it, & learne their Arethmetick, and yt: you give us an accot: thereof wee will give to each of ym: 20l for a reward, & this wee would have you to make Publique both at Surat & Bombay.

28. Wee observe ye: Good comendacon you give of John Pace, & doe admitt him to be preferr'd to Such Stacon as he ought to be by or: rules, & you may Send over Security for him as you promised, his friends not appeareing here to doe it.

29. The Silkes you sent to Mr: Jollife turne not to accot: as wee beleive he will informe you, & therefore would have none for our accompt.

30. Wee note ye: recomendacon you give of Mr: Laurence & Mr: Bridger, & seeing they went out by our consents, & yt: you have a want of ym: you may entertaine Isaac Laurence as a ffactor to take place next those yt: were ffactors when you first made use of him in our Service, & at Such Sallarie as is due by our rules to yt: place.

31. And you may also entertaine Mr: James Bridger to be Imploy'd at Bombay as a ffactor to take place next to those yt: shall by our rules be ffactors when those ships arrive, & at the sallary due to yt: Stacon, & they are both to signe their bonds and Covenants wch: wee herewth: send you, & their friends here have given security for ye: faithfull discharge of their trusts.

32. Wee herewith also send you blanke Covenants & bonds to be Signed by ye: writers as they rise in degree, there is security here given for Mr: Christopher Oxinden, James King & Geo: Robinson, ye: last of wch: was bound but for 5 yeares, and accordingly is to rise, both in Stacon & Sallary, from ye: Expiracon of yt: time, who are to signe ye: Covenants & Bonds herewith sent wch: are to be return'd us.

33. As to Mr: James pretence to Hen: Thompsons Estate, wee send you herewth: Mr: Moses his opinion, by wch: you will see, he hath no legall right thereunto, & yt: ye: Executor here will recover it by law.

34. Though wee approve for ys: time of yor: ordering our ships not to touch at Bombay, it being soe late, yet wee doe enjoyne for ye: future to prevent yt: inconvenience, & ye: hazard of soe late a passage, by an early dispatch from you, & therefore observing yt: you order them goeing & coming to touch at Goa, (where wee have no businesse) wee prohibite yt: for ye: future, wch: will save us So much time, & noting yt: ye: Ships doe spend time in fitting themselves, or for want of men as in ye: case of ye: Golden fleece & Ann when our goods are ready, & yet at returne require full demoorage from us, wee doe require you to send us yearly an Exact accot: what time yon: spend on their owne occasions yt: it may be deducted, & let ym: know it before their dePture, yt: they may make their objections if they have any.

35. Some ffriends of M$^{r}$: Mansell Smith have desired us to ℔mitt his coming home w$^{th}$: Liberty to returne againe, to y$^{e}$: Same Stacon, when he hath Settled some affaires here, w$^{ch}$: wee doe ℔mitt provided he first give you a good acco$^{t}$: of what he hath been entrusted with all, & y$^{e}$: ℒallico debts, & pay w$^{t}$: is due to us, & when any of our Factors or serv$^{ts}$: shall be in our debt, wee would have y$^{e}$: acco$^{t}$: Stated, & take a declaracon from y$^{em}$: acknowledgeing it, & send y$^{e}$ same to us, This wee would have done yearly.

36. Henry Smith who was sent from Bantam to Bombay hath behaved himselfe Soe ill, y$^{t}$: his ffather hath desired to have his bonds up, Therefore you are neither to trust nor Imploy him, but send him home by y$^{e}$: first shipping.

37. You did very well not to engage our Ships to convey any other Ships for Europe, for in those active times, none can know what a yeare may produce, & no good could accrew to us thereby.

38. Wee note y$^{e}$; Quarrell between our neighbours there, but cannot apprehend what advantage it was to us, by your interposing therein, & are sure neither of y$^{m}$; would have done soe by us, & would their differences have more violated y$^{e}$: freedome of y$^{t}$: Port, y$^{n}$: y$^{e}$: Dutch did, when with a ffleet they forced y$^{e}$: Governour of Surr$^{t}$: to make Such satisfaccon for injuries they ℔tended.

39. Wee bless God for y$^{e}$: arrivall of y$^{e}$: Returne, whose freight it seems was y$^{e}$: worse by yo$^{r}$: ℔mitting y$^{e}$: Sallimonie to goe at y$^{e}$: same time under her convoy, & colour'd by you, though you say y$^{e}$: Persian doe Justly object ag$^{t}$: us, y$^{e}$: colouring of Strangers goods, & you yo$^{r}$selves complaine of it as Injurious, being done by others, yet practice it yo$^{r}$: selves, & ℔tend it our advantage, though wee neither apprehend nor find any thereby, & had she miscarried you say they would have pretended dammages ag$^{st}$: us.

40. And as little wee can approve of yo$^{r}$: owning and manning y$^{e}$: Rhyme for had y$^{e}$: Portugalls Seized her, you would have been engaged for y$^{e}$: hon$^{r}$: of our fflags ℒomission to have procur'd restitucon & how just would it have appeared should they have prov'd it not to have been our owne, & you can not imagine y$^{t}$: they could have been ignorant of y$^{e}$: compact between you, & y$^{e}$: concern'd in her, had it come to a contest Nor doe wee find our revenue in Persia, at all encreased by it, and therefore wee doe order y$^{t}$ as wee practice & love plainenesse & Sincerity in all our accons, soe y$^{t}$: you would practice it, & neither to colour ship or goods for any, & when you give passes y$^{t}$: they extend not soe far as to colour any goods contrary to [agreement] made w$^{th}$: y$^{e}$: Persians or others.

41. The end you have made w$^{th}$: y$^{e}$: Seamen of y$^{e}$: Returne, wee approve of, & would have them paid as others in our Service if any of y$^{m}$: desire to returne you may ℔mit y$^{m}$: ℔ticularly Jn$^{o}$: Kille y$^{e}$: Boatswains mate.

42. Wee have advise y$^{t}$: y$^{e}$: fformosa was safely arrived at Bantam for w$^{ch}$: wee desire to bless God.

43. As to ℒojah Mena's debt, wee hope you will find meanes, to Secure it, seeing y$^{e}$: Govern$^{r}$: hath promised to make y$^{e}$: ℒredit$^{rs}$: refund, y$^{t}$: soe all may be equally paid.

44. In yo$^{rs}$: of y$^{e}$: 20$^{th}$: of March you write y$^{t}$: you were alarum'd by y$^{e}$: nearness of Sevagees Armie, but in yo$^{rs}$: of y$^{e}$: 7$^{th}$: of Aprill you make no mencon of it.

45. Wee cannot approve y$^{e}$: Superintendent of y$^{e}$: Portugalls, taking passage in our ship, when our ships were designed to force y$^{t}$: trade in case they mett with opposicon from them, although you say y$^{e}$: Vise Roy of Goa, disowned their ℔ceedings at Gombroone except at y$^{e}$: same time he had made Satisfaccon for y$^{e}$: dammage, & made a Publique declaracon of his dislike, & prohibicon for y$^{e}$: future, for as to his bare promises, you have had experience enough of their little vallue.

46. Wee observe in yo$^{r}$: ℒonsultacon booke you have order'd a new method to Signe y$^{e}$: whole, at y$^{e}$: end of y$^{e}$: yeare, w$^{ch}$: wee cannot approve, especially as

you word it, & how can all signe it except they were all present, at every consultacon, & therefore require y$^{t}$: those y$^{t}$: are present signe every ℔ticular consultacon.

47. Complaint hath been made to us, y$^{t}$: M$^{r}$: Mansoll Smith pretends priority of M$^{r}$: Charles Ward on w$^{ch}$: wee have ℔used our bookes, & find by our gen$^{ll}$: lre of y$^{e}$: 27$^{th}$: March 1668 y$^{t}$: y$^{t}$: M$^{r}$: Ward has ranked before M$^{r}$: Smith, & by y$^{e}$: order of ℐourt, & ℐoven$^{ts}$: M$^{r}$: Ward had 20$^{l}$ ℔ anñ Sallary & M$^{r}$: Smith but 15$^{l}$ & therefore he is to preceed, but if you have Just cause to y$^{e}$: contrary, acquaint us therewith, He first being convened before you to make his defence, w$^{ch}$: likewise send us, for wee shall ever take care to doe right to all our Serv$^{ts}$:

48. Wee have been acquainted y$^{t}$: M$^{r}$: Jn$^{o}$: Petit desires to goe Agent for Persia, but having formerly, & resolving still to keep y$^{t}$: Agency in subordination to Surat, wee have not thought fit to order it, but for y$^{t}$: wee cannot approve of M$^{r}$: James Adames for y$^{t}$: Imploym$^{t}$:, & y$^{t}$: wee would encourage what in us lies, all our deserving Serv$^{ts}$: wee doe recommend him to you, for y$^{t}$: imploym$^{t}$: when M$^{r}$: Rolt leaves it, provided you find him fitly qualify'd for it, & y$^{t}$: thereby no Injury be done to any other who by our rules ought to have y$^{e}$: preferrence.

49. Your entertainm$^{t}$: of M$^{r}$: Carleton, wee cannot approve as to y$^{e}$: manner of it: y$^{t}$: he should desert his employm$^{t}$: in Persia without leave from our Agent there, & making complaint to you against y$^{e}$: Agent you imediately entertaine him without first examining y$^{e}$: matter, or why he came away: This is of ill consequence, & gives encouragem$^{t}$: to Inferio$^{rs}$: to slight their Superio$^{rs}$: & you ought to have had y$^{t}$: respect for y$^{e}$: Agent as first to have acquainted him & therefore wee would have y$^{t}$: business throughly examined, & if he did desert his employm$^{t}$: in Persia w$^{th}$: out leave, & wrongfully accused y$^{e}$: Agent you are to dismiss him our service, except he will Submit him selfe & y$^{e}$: Agent doe interecede for him, & give you good assurance of better behaviour for y$^{e}$: future, for if you shall entertaine all that will leave their other employm$^{ts}$: w$^{th}$: out consent of their Superiors first had, you will soone run into remediless disorders.

50. In yo$^{r}$: order for y$^{e}$: relading y$^{e}$: Returne from Bussora, wee find you take ℔ticular care y$^{t}$: she should take in no dates upon freight, Wee cannot imagine y$^{e}$: reason thereof, y$^{t}$: being a principal comodity from thence: but wee are informed y$^{t}$: you reserved them for yo$^{r}$: owne Ships wee expect you satisfy us therein.

51. You order y$^{e}$: paym$^{t}$: of M$^{r}$: ffrance his charges from Bombay to Surr$^{t}$: w$^{ch}$: wee doe not approve, nor know any reason you had to doe it you having a Minister there, & therefore he must repay it: for the ℔mission wee gave of Ministers visiting our ffactories, was only for y$^{e}$: out ffactories where there were no Ministers.

52. On y$^{e}$: death of M$^{r}$: Reynardson you order'd his Bookes to be deliver'd to M$^{r}$: Gray: you ought, according to rule, to have sent us (at least) y$^{e}$: copies, w$^{ch}$: wee expect, & y$^{e}$: like for all y$^{t}$: die in our Service.

53. Wee note yo$^{r}$: rescuing & restoring of y$^{e}$: ℐhaul vessel & approve thereof but would have you cautious by any acts of Hostility at Sea not to engage us in any quarrels, & only to protect those y$^{t}$: trade for Bombay, ag$^{st}$: y$^{e}$: Mallabar & other Pirates.

54. Wee can neither allow yo$^{r}$: paym$^{t}$: of Cap$^{t}$: Young's widow 3300 Rup$^{s}$: nor depositing y$^{e}$: 1400 remaining in Bimgeees hands till his accompts had been Stated, & y$^{e}$: objections M$^{r}$: Rolt made had been Satisfied, & therefore if there shall remaine any money due to us, wee expect you make it good, for it was in yo$^{r}$: Power to have Settled y$^{t}$: acco$^{t}$: & our reputation must be at a very low ebb, y$^{t}$: wee might not as well be trusted with 1400 Rup$^{s}$: as Bimgee, but wee observe you are very kind, (at our cost to all ℔sons y$^{t}$: have to doe w$^{th}$: us.

55. Wee order'd you to give us an acco$^{t}$: of M$^{r}$: Wins behaviour who went ℐhaplain for S$^{t}$: Helena, but you take no notice of it.

56. Wee have y$^{s}$: yeare entertained as ffactors Geo: Cooke, to take place next to y$^{m}$: y$^{t}$: are already ffactors w$^{th}$: you, & W$^{m}$: Jrandall who is an able accomptant, & therefore wee designe him to be employ'd in y$^{e}$: Accomptants office at Bombay, & George Jooke to be employ'd where you shall find he will be most serviceable, both at y$^{e}$: Salary of 20$^{l}$ ℔ ann for 5 yeares to comence on y$^{e}$: arrivall of our ships with you, wee would not have sent any of y$^{s}$: quality, to discourage our writers there had you not y$^{t}$: you were in want of Such, for wee would have our Serv$^{ts}$: gradually arise according to our Rules.

57. And for a further Supply wee send out y$^{s}$: yeare twelve Writers at y$^{e}$: Salary of 10$^{l}$ ℔ ann for 7 yeares (for wee intend for y$^{e}$: future to entertaine no Writers for less then seaven years) Viz$^{t}$:

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| for 5 yeares. | Benjamin Alleyn | John Blenkesop |
| | Robert Goldsbrough | Obrian Skinner. |
| | Henry Umfrevile | James Palmer. |
| | Peter Jurin. | James Butler. |
| | Henry Lambert | Reuben White. |
| | Edward Latham. | W$^{m}$: Winder. |

these are to succeed next those already w$^{th}$: you.

58. And upon a peticon of Jharles Alley y$^{t}$: went out w$^{th}$: Coll$^{o}$: Bake wee doe entertaine him as a Writer on y$^{e}$ same termes, to comence from y$^{e}$: arrivall of those Ships, who is to take place next after y$^{e}$: twelve before named, & for as much as wee are informed y$^{t}$: his friends did give Coll$^{o}$: Bake sixty pounds with him, & were at other great charges to fit & set him out, & y$^{t}$: it is y$^{e}$: Justome of y$^{s}$: Jity when a Master dies, for y$^{e}$: Executors to repay a proporcon of y$^{e}$: money back, Wee doe order y$^{t}$: you endeav$^{r}$: to obtaine y$^{e}$: Same for him out of Joll$^{o}$: Bakes estate.

59. By yo$^{r}$: next send us a list of all our ffactors Writers and Serv$^{ts}$: within yo$^{r}$: Presidency, the time when they came out, their degrees as to their precedency, & y$^{e}$: Sallary they receive.

60. Wee y$^{s}$: yeare send you out y$^{e}$: 3 foll$^{o}$: Ships Viz$^{t}$: the Sampson Jap$^{t}$: Sam$^{ll}$: Jhamblet Jomand$^{r}$: burden 600$^{ts}$: The Presid$^{t}$: Jap$^{t}$: Jona: Hidd Jomand$^{r}$: burden 540$^{ts}$: & y$^{e}$: Unicorne Jap$^{t}$: John Slead burden 320$^{ts}$: w$^{ch}$: carry all of them halfe kinteledge, on w$^{ch}$: Ships wee send you 125484$^{ll}$: 11$^{s}$: 9$^{d}$ Stock (Viz$^{t}$:) in Bullion 70874$^{ll}$ 12$^{s}$: 8$^{d}$ & in Goods 54609$^{ll}$: 19$^{s}$: 1$^{d}$: as per Invoyce (viz$^{t}$:)

On the Sampson.

| | | *l* | *s* | *d* |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 255 | Bales of broad cloth am$^{ts}$: to | 10212: | 7: | 6 |
| 21 | Bales of Scarlet & mixt Spanish cloths | 2371: | 1: | 9 |
| 3 | Packs of serges q$^{t}$: 50 peeces | 262: | 10: | 0 |
| 20 | Iron Ordnance | 212: | 13: | 10 |
| 20 | Jhests of Quick silver | 1131: | 08: | 00 |
| 5 | Tubs of Vermillion | 602: | 16: | 03 |
| 500 | Pigs of Lead | 1029: | 9: | 00 |
| 1668 | Barrs of Spanish Iron | 506: | 17: | 03 |
| 10 | Barrells of white Lead | 82: | 10: | 00 |
| 20 | Jhests Wine in Bottles | 220: | 0: | 0 |
| 1000 | Jopper Plates | 3309: | 6: | 4 |
| 980 | Slabbs of Tutenag | 662: | 4: | 6 |
| 20 | Barrells of Tynn | 285: | 0: | 0 |
| 1 | Jhest of Gold | 9815: | 3: | 6 |
| 19 | Jhests of Silver | 18932: | 7: | 10 |
| 4 | Jables & 54 Joiles of Jordage | 476: | 2: | 05 |
| 10 | Bales of Jloth Rashes | 470: | 0: | — |
| | Saile needles & Janvas | 71: | 0: | — |
| | | 50652: | 18: | 2 |

62. ON THE PRESIDENT.

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| 251 | bales of broad cloth amo$^{t}$ : to | 9107 : | 15 : | 0 |
| 10 | Bales of Scarlet & mixt Spanish Clo$^{e}$ : | 1152 : | — : | — |
| 10 | Bales of ℔loth Rashes | 468 : | 14 : | 8 |
| 10 | Barrells of white lead | 127 : | 17 : | ὃ |
| 20 | ℔hests of Quick silver | 939 : | 08 : | 0 |
| 5 | Tubs of Vermillion | 517 : | 16 : | 3 |
| 795 | ℔opper Plates | 2626 : | 11 : | 3 |
| 400 | Pigs of Lead | 825 : | 14 : | 3 |
| 20 | Barrells of Tynn | 285 : | — : | — |
| 20 | Iron Ordnance | 167 : | 16 : | 2 |
| 26 | Chests of Silver | 26123 : | — : | 3 |
| 30 | Anchors | 387 : | 8 : | 4 |
| 3 | ℔ables 5 ℔ablets & 8 ℔oiles of ℔ordage | 162 : | 4 : | 7 |
| 21 | Chald$^{r}$ : of ℔oales | 37 : | 16 : | — |
| 1 | ℔hest of Armour | 12 : | — : | — |
| 8 | Drums in ℔ask | 10 : | — : | — |
| 50 | Barrells of Red Lead. | 267 : | 10 : | 8 |
| 1 | ℔hest of Gregio ℔orrall. | 220 : | 16 : | 0 |
| 2 | ℔hests of ℔hyrurgery | 82 : | — : | — |
| 3 | Truncks of Norwich Stuffs | 269 : | 06 : | 0 |
| 1 | ℔hest of drinking Glasses | 14 : | 14 : | — |
| 2 | Iron Beames & Scales. | 6 : | — : | — |
| | Engines for ℔oining. | 300 : | — : | — |
| 1 | Hogsh$^{d}$ : of Lanthornes | 4 : | 2 : | 0 |
| 1 | Hogsh$^{d}$ : of Twine & Log Lines. | 6 : | 10 : | 0 |
| | Sea Quadrant & Meridian ℔ompasses in 2 boxes. | 15 : | 4 : | 10 |
| 1 | Box of guilt Sticks. | 6 : | 0 : | 0 |
| | | 44143 : | 5 : | 11 |

63. ON THE UNICORNE.

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| 220 | Bales of broad cloth amo$^{ts}$ : too | 8520 : | — : | — |
| 18 | Bales of Scarlet & Spanish mixt Clo$^{e}$ : | 2000 : | 18 : | 8 |
| 10 | Iron Ordnance | 49 : | 14 : | 3 |
| 5 | Barrels of white Lead | 44 : | 04 : | [2] |
| 10 | ℔ases of Quick silver | 427 : | 1[2] : | 0 |
| 4 | Tubbs of Vermillion | 432 : | 05 : | 10 |
| 540 | ℔opper Plates | 1791 : | 19 : | 3 |
| 10 | Barrels of Tynn | 142 : | 10 : | 0 |
| 300 | Pigs of Lead | 614 : | 15 : | 3 |
| 666 | Barrs of Spanish Iron | 164 : | 07 : | 0 |
| 360 | Slabs of Tutenag | 240 : | 18 : | 2 |
| 16 | ℔hests of Silver | 16004 : | 01 : | 1 |
| 5 | Bales of ℔loth Rashes | 234 : | — : | — |
| 1 | ℔hest of Chirurgery | 21 : | — : | — |
| | | 30688 : | 7 : | 8 |

64. On whom wee would have you to lade y$^{e}$ : Goods formerly order, & take care y$^{t}$ : they be dispatched in time, to prevent demorage, & let y$^{e}$ : ℔allicoes be kept to 18 yards long, & y$^{e}$ : breadths to w$^{ch}$ : you have now brought y$^{m}$ :, taking care y$^{t}$ : you pay no more for y$^{e}$ : extraord$^{ry}$ : lengths & breadths then is proporconable as also y$^{t}$ : each ship may have her proporcon of fine Goods : and note, y$^{t}$ : y$^{e}$ Iron Kintelege in Stowage is reckoned but 3 tons of it for one.

65. Herewith wee send you a perticular of what goods wee find wanting by y$^{e}$: last ships of y$^{e}$: Bales y$^{t}$: were opened, you must take care to prevent Such mistakes, & unequall sorting, w$^{ch}$: gives us not onely great troubles, but brings a disparagem$^{t}$: upon our package.

66. These Ship being dispatched, you are to provide y$^{e}$: like quantity & Sorts for next yeares Shipping Viz$^{t}$:

| | | |
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| Baf$^{ts}$: narrow | 25000 | peeces. |
| D$^{o}$: broad white | 40000 | |
| D$^{o}$: blew | 12000 | |
| D$^{o}$: browne | 15000 | |
| Dhints broad | 16000 | to be of y$^{e}$: same patern's & workes y$^{t}$: came ℔ y$^{e}$: Nathaniell N$^{o}$: 2: 3: 4 |
| Ditto narrow | 10000 | |
| D$^{o}$: Serunge | 10000 | |
| D$^{o}$: Daddy | 6000 | |
| Tapseils broad | 8000 | |
| D$^{o}$: narr: | 4000 | |
| Nicanees | 6000 | |
| D$^{o}$: long, Such as ℔ London N$^{o}$: R. | 6000 | |
| Brawles | 8000 | |
| Pautkaes white | 20000 | |
| D$^{o}$: blew | 4000 | |
| D$^{o}$: browne | 20000 | |

And if all y$^{e}$: Pautkaes can be procured yard broad, & two pce to be made into one, w$^{ch}$: will be about 15 y$^{ds}$: long, & yard broad, they will be much better for sale.

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| Dungarees white | 40000 | |
| D$^{o}$ browne | 10000 | |
| Deriabauds large | 20000 | Such as were sent home by y$^{e}$: Nathaniell. |
| D$^{o}$: small | 14000 | |
| Guinea stuffs | 15000 | |
| Quilts large | 800 | |
| D$^{o}$: small | 200 | |
| Byram Pauts | 10000 | |
| Sovaguzzes | 30000 | |
| Parcollaes | 8000 | Such as were ℔ Massingbird from Rajapore N$^{o}$: R y$^{t}$: cost 67: rup$^{s}$: 42 p$^{e}$: ℔ corge of y$^{e}$: same dimensions for length & breadth & y$^{e}$: same fineness. |

The white broad & narrow Baf$^{ts}$: be one halfe without Starch of stiffening, & y$^{e}$: other to be as usuall.

| | Pcs. | |
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| Solloos Domerveile | 2000 | according to former Samples & advice 7$^{th}$: of March 1676. |
| Baftas Brampore | 1000 | |
| Dulga Silkes | 1000 | |
| Pces of Handkercheifes of Brampore | 1000 | |

Wee confirme our former order of y$^{e}$: 29$^{th}$: Septem$^{r}$: 1677, concerning y$^{e}$: lengths of broad & narrow Bafts & Sovaguzzes.

| | | |
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| Sena | 20 | bales |
| Sticlack black | 200 | |
| Salarmoniac | 10 | Tons. |
| Lahor Indico | 400 | bales, if at 18$^{d}$ ℔ b̃: 200: if at 2 mam$^{ds}$: if dearer, but 100 bales. |
| Round Dirques Indico | 80 | bales, if at 9$^{d}$ ℔ b̃ |
| Ditto it flat | 20 | bales, if at 9 ℔ b̃ |

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| Armenia Wool | 400 bales, or what more you can get. |
| Cardamons | 200 bales. |
| Olibanum | 100 Chests, all to be white & clean. |
| Benjamin | 20 Bales. |

Alloes Socatrina—8000l wtt: to be put up in Jarrs.

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| Coho seeds | 300 bales, or if good and reasonable 400 bales. |

Spikenard 20 Chests cleane pickt & good, or elce none.

Tranboon Cinamon 300 Bales.

Pepper of Sevll: Sorts according to ye: order of 8th: March by our Shipping, both for price & quantity.

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| Shellack | 200 bales. |
| Seed Lack | 200 bales. |
| Alloes Hepatica | 20 Chests. |
| Lapis Tutia | 20 Chests. |

67. Herewth: wee send you two Papers from our Accomptant & Auditor to wh: wee require yor: Cticular & plaine answer.

68. The Corrall wee intended you is not yet arrived from Italy, so you are to expect but one Chest by these ships.

69. Wee have recd: ye: bad new's of ye: Barbarous murder of our good Agent White, & others at Bantam, for wch: in time wee hope to procure Justice. Before yt: new's came, wee had sent a Supply of ffactors and Writers for yt: Agency, & among ye: rest Mr: Robt: Parke[r], whom wee then order'd in case of ye: death of Agent White to Succeed to yt: charge.

70. Wm: Crandal weh: wee entertained a ffactor, doth decline it; his parents not being willing to let him goe, In his place wee have entertained Samuell Annesley as a ffactor at ye: Salary of 20 l. Cann to comence at ye: arrivall of these ships, & is to take place next to Geo: Cooke now sent, who is to be placed next those yt: shall be ffactors at his arrivall.

71. The Tea potts yt: you recd: C ship Returne, wee would have you send for Engld:

72. Wee have continued ye: limitation of ye: exporting of Bullion to Adventrs: Owners & Comandrs: of ships, but for ye: encouragemt: of our servts: wee give ym: liberty as appeares by ye: Copie of our order herewith sent you, wch: you are to let ym: know yt: they are to observe accordingly wch: is as follo: vizt:

73. That ye: Presidt: of Surat & Agent of ffort st: George may have liberty yearly for 2,000 l.

74. To ye: Agent of Persia, Deptie: Govr: of Bombay cheife at ye: Bay of Bengal, & Cheife of Mesulap a: all yt: are of ye: genll: Councells of Surat & ye: ffort, to each yearly one thousand pounds.

To all Cheifes of other ffactorys five hundred pounds yearly.

To all Senior Merchts: in ye: Compa: Service four hundred pounds yearly.

To all Merchts: in ye: Compa: employmt:, three hundred pounds.

To all ffactors in ye: Compas: Service, Two hundred pounds.

To all Writers in ye: Compas: Service, One hundred pounds.

They all paying but C dt: as freemen, provided ye: parties yt: desire ye: liberty, doe first satisfy ye: Presidt: & Agent, or in ye: Subordinate ffactories ye: respective Cheife, yt: they doe Send goods or remitt effects to procure ye: Bullion they desire, & to whom sent, & yt: it be in ye: register sent ye: Compa:. And yt: before licence be granted to any in their behalfe, they doe make appeare, yt: the effects sent home were registred & brought into ye: Compas: warehouse, & were not prohibited goods, And if they are freemen of ye: Compa:, yt: they make affirmacon by ye: oath they have taken as freemen, yt: ye: same is to be laden by ye: order, & as they beleeve, for

y^e^: proper acco^t^: of those they send it to, & produce letters from y^e^: party to y^t^: effect. And if they be not freemen, they shall make it appeare by letters etc^a^: to y^e^: Satisfaction of y^e^: Dourt, y^t^: it is for y^e^: proper acco^t^: of y^e^: Pson they desire y^e^: liberty for.

75. Herewith you have a List of what Bullion & Goods wee have Pmitted to be laden on these Ships.

76. Wee now send y^e^: Johannah for S^t^: Helena with some men for y^e^: better strengthening of y^t^: Island, & doe send Major John Blackmore to be Governour there in y^e^: roome of Cap^t^: Gregory ffeild whom wee have order'd to come home.

77. M^r^: Gray hath moved us about a house he alledges was built by his Brother at Swally Marine, & desiring y^t^: wee would take it & pay for it, or give him liberty to sell it, wee have respited our answer till wee heare from you, & y^t^: you give us an acco^t^: on what ground it is built, & at what tearmes, & yo^r^: opinion of what use it may be to us, & its value.

78. Finding a great excess by fireing of Guns at Salutes, & other occasions, wee have thought fit to order, y^t^: our Ships shall salute our forts with onely five Guns, & y^e^: fforts shall answer y^m^: with only three, & doe require you to forbear fireing of Guns on frivolous occasions, & at drinking of healths, for our powder will be better bestow'd upon our enemies.

79. As to paying our Seamen y^t^: Serve in our ships at India wee doe order, y^t^: during their service in India, you pay them four months pay P ann: two months pay wee pay their relations here, & y^e^: rest will be made y^m^: good at their returne home.

80. Security is here given into us for Barth^o^: Harris & Rob^t^: Harbin as ffactors, & you are to see y^t^: they signe bonds and Doven^ts^: accordingly.

81. Wee did y^e^: last yeare write to you to state & send home Dap^t^: Adkins acco^t^:, & doe now require you, y^t^: by y^e^: very first Ships you send home his Bookes & writings, w^th^: an acco^t^: of his estate, That what is paid into our Dash may be made good to his Dhildren here.

82. It has pleased God to arrive with us y^e^: Persia and East India Merch^ts^: from Bantam.

83. On y^e^: 5^th^: current wee had a Sale & could sell but 1500 bags of Jambee Pepper at 7$\frac{5}{8}^{d}$ P pound & 300 Billiapa^m^: at 7$\frac{1}{2}^{d}$ P lb. of y^e^: Dotten yarne but very little sold, & at loosing rates, & of y^e^: Dallicoes many remained unsold.

84. As to M^r^: Lambton (after wee had, as you say, Shewn our displeasure for your coniving at his stay & trade, contrary both to his agreem^t^: made here, & our orders, w^ch^: is so prejudiciall to our affaires) Wee might have expected y^t^: you would have Sent him home, especially when you promised in y^e^: first part of your letter, y^t^: you would doe it if he returned in time: But if neither our orders nor yo^r^: promises can oblige you to Pformance, wee know not what can, especially when you violate both, for y^e^: sake of a Pson whom (you say your selves) was not just to his owne promise to you:— And therefore, notwithstanding what both he & you say, of y^r^: not being concerned with him, wee can not believe y^t^: only yo^r^: kindness to a Man whom so ill deserves, should make you So unkind to yourselves as to hazard our displeasure: Wee possitively require you to send him home by these ships, & y^t^: for y^e^: future you give no passes to any Psons or Ships y^t^: are in trade, contrary to our rules & orders.

85. Wee have rec^d^: y^e^: two certificates from yo^r^: Warehousekeeeper y^t^: of y^e^: brass Royalls & Drusadoes, comes as wee would have it, menconing y^e^: N^o^: of y^e^: Pticular bag as well as y^e^: Dhest wherein they were found, by w^ch^: means wee may probably (as wee have at some other times) procure our Satisfaction: In y^e^: meane yo^r^: accompt hath Dredit for their amo^t^: you say in the postcript of yo^r^: gen^ll^: y^t^: you find 10^ls^ of Gold over Invoyced in our Chest N^o^: O, on y^e^: Society, but y^e^: Dertificate mentions it to be under Invoyced (as indeed it was) & accordingly made good in accompt there, & w^eh^: wee have also charged you with here: But

for y$^{t}$: little Ingott No. 153 weighing 2 oz: 11$^{d}$ w$^{tt}$: y$^{t}$: you say was wanting in y$^{e}$: said ℔hest, though wee may hereafter allowe it in accompt, yet wee would have you endeav$^{r}$: to satisfy yo$^{r}$: selves, for wee have great cause to believe it was stollen there at y$^{e}$: time you open'd y$^{e}$: ℔hest, for y$^{t}$: Some of y$^{e}$: ℔omittees of our Treãry as well as our officers doe well remember y$^{e}$: smallness of y$^{e}$: p̃ce, giving more especiall occasion of notice then ordinary, & more care to see it Surely put into y$^{e}$: ℔hest, & y$^{t}$: to be nailed & hooped in their Sight, they remember it more ℔ticularly y$^{r}$: any other peece, it was in length about y$^{e}$: third part of a Tobacco Pipe, & of y$^{e}$: Same figure.

Wee have found in yo$^{r}$: former acco$^{ts}$: of Gold & Silver y$^{t}$: for y$^{e}$: most part our ounce Troy produces but 8$\frac{1}{2}$ vals of yo$^{r}$: weight: wee think it should, & somtimes wee have found it to render 83 vals, by w$^{ch}$: it is neare 3 grains less y$^{n}$: it should: And on y$^{e}$: other side wee find you allow almost double y$^{e}$: number of those 3 grã: too much in y$^{e}$: weight of our Ryals $\frac{8}{8}$ w$^{ch}$: is there required to weigh 73 vals of yo$^{r}$: weight, & y$^{t}$: is 17$^{d}$ w$^{tt}$: 16$\frac{2}{3}$ grã: whereas a Ryall of $\frac{8}{8}$ in y$^{e}$: Spanish mint Just weight is but 17$^{d}$ w$^{tt}$: 10: grã. & not full 5 mites Troy, w$^{ch}$: answers but to 72 vals, How or when y$^{s}$: ill ℔ustome began, wee have not had time to examine, but it is ill to be continued, & worse to be agravated as now wee find it to be in yo$^{r}$: last bookes S where our Gold renders but 8$\frac{1}{3}$ vals ℔ oz: Troy, w$^{ch}$: is neare 4 grã. less then wee think it should. You have herewith among others our Auditors enquiries, a more particular demonstracon of y$^{e}$: growing evil, w$^{ch}$: we recom̃end to yo$^{r}$: consideracon & care to remedy. Wee desire you will send us y$^{e}$: exact weight of yo$^{r}$: vals & Tolaes in ℔opper or Silver, let some of y$^{m}$: be Single & Some including a greater Number. as 50. or 100 in one w$^{tt}$: & the exact w$^{tts}$ of yo$^{r}$: Seare & Maunds, these latter being greater w$^{tts}$: need come but single, or double at most, & let y$^{m}$: be sent by two Sev$^{ll}$: ships as also y$^{e}$: true length of yo$^{r}$: ℔oveds.

Wee have taken into our consideracon y$^{e}$: Peticon of Bimgee Parrack & doe desire you to Search y$^{e}$: bookes of freight in y$^{e}$: years 1661, 1662 & 1663. & there you will find y$^{t}$: all freighters doe allow y$^{e}$: Broker (as Bimgee is) their usuall Brokerage on Goods laden upon any of our ships, & y$^{t}$: y$^{e}$: ℔omp: have not allow'd y$^{m}$: any thing upon y$^{t}$: acco$^{t}$:, And it would be unreasonable y$^{t}$: Bimgee should receive Brokerage of y$^{e}$: laders & of y$^{e}$: ℔omp$^{a}$: too: you are therefore to examine y$^{e}$: Same, & if you find it thus, you are to charge y$^{e}$: s$^{d}$: Bimgee w$^{th}$: y$^{e}$: s$^{d}$: 800: Rup$^{s}$:, & to cause him to make good y$^{e}$: Same, & you are to pay & allow it to y$^{e}$: Execut$^{rs}$: of S$^{r}$: Geo: Oxinden, from whom wee rec$^{d}$: y$^{e}$: Value of y$^{e}$: Said 800 rup$^{s}$: here.

88 Wee take notice of w$^{t}$: you write us of y$^{e}$: great injuries & abuses done us on y$^{e}$: ℔oast Mallabar, & y$^{e}$: remedys you propound. Wee have ever been unwilling to use violence So long as wee had any hopes of Satisfaction for injuries past, & Security for y$^{e}$: future, by faire meanes, w$^{ch}$: since you dispaire of, & y$^{t}$: wee can give no positive or ℔ticular direccons for mañageing y$^{s}$: affaire, So many things may intervene in So long a track of time, wee must therefore rely much on you herein, & referr it to you: Promising first y$^{t}$: you try all amicable wayes, & if y$^{e}$: Succeed not, but that you must use force, Then you may send one or more of our Small vessells to fetch of our People, & y$^{t}$: done, state y$^{e}$: dam̃ages & demand Satisfaccon, & come to new agreem$^{ts}$: But if they will not comply, y$^{n}$: you may stop their ships and Goods. And to doe y$^{s}$:, it will be best to take y$^{e}$: opportunity when their ships returne from Mocha. And only dispose of w$^{t}$: goods are perishable & keep an exact acco$^{t}$: of all, & take care, that not y$^{e}$: least imbezilment be made by any Seamen or others, y$^{t}$: shall be imploy'd in y$^{s}$: affaire, for wee are very tender herein, as fearing y$^{t}$: innocent ℔sons may suffer hereby as well as those y$^{t}$: have injured us, & our aim is, to prevent future wrongs & to Secure our trade, w$^{ch}$: if you can effect by other wayes wee much rather elect it, & should be content to pass by all y$^{t}$: is past, they paying us w$^{t}$: debts are Justly owing. And if you do come to a new Settlem$^{t}$: & continue our ffactory on y$^{t}$: ℔oast, you may leave there Six Soldi$^{rs}$: as a guard; for wee perceive, y$^{t}$: so long as they had Soldi$^{rs}$: w$^{th}$: them, they were on better terms. But with all, you must consider whether or No other Europeans may not gaine an

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advantage by privately complying with, & (it may be) assisting y^m^ : ag^st^ : us, totally to exclude us from y^t^: trade. And this is all wee can Say on this Subject, & leave it to you to Settle our factory on y^t^ Coast at such places as may most effectually carry on our trade, & with least charge & to maintaine as few factories as may be, And therefore if if [*sic*] what M^r^ : Child propounds of having Rajapore & Darrwar managed by one cheife may be effected, wee shall well approve thereof.

You must also take care to Secure y^e^ : full loading of these ships now Sent out before you begin a breach, for should you want y^e^ : Goods & Pepper from y^e^ Coast, our dead freight will be very considerable.

Wee observe by M^r^ : Mancell Smiths Paper, y^t^ : one reason given of y^e^ : difficulty of procuring, & of y^e^ : deareness of Pepper is y^e^ : Dutch their contracting w^th^ : y^e^ Princes of those places, y^t^ : no Pepper shall goe out of their Countrey till y^e^ : 25^th^ : decemb^r^ : & y^t^ : what wee buy before y^t^ : time, is got thence by Stealth. Wee would have you consider whether having a Stock Sufficient there to invest after y^t^ : time, you may not procure a Sufficient quantity at cheaper rates & send it to B.Bay to lye ready ag^st^ : our ships arrivall for if they may freely bring it from those places w^th^ : out those extraordinary hazards, Wee presume they will afford it cheaper, w^ch^ : will be more then y^e^ : advancing of the money So long before hand, & you will be certainly provided in time for our Shiping.

Wee recomended to you y^e^ : procuring us what quantitys you can of y^e^ : Sorts of Cassia lignum formerly written for, & can not believe but you may procure some for us as easily as the Comand^rs^ : doe for themselves, w^ch^ : they could not doe [but] by your Permission, or at least connivence : Wee would have you obtaine some plants of Tramboon Cinamon & Cassialignu : as also Pepper, and send y^m^ : to S^t^ : Helena & Bombay, w^th^: direccons for y^e^ : planting & ordering of y^m^ : The more industrious our neighbours are to disappoint us of y^t^ : comodity, y^e^ : more earnest you should be to procure it, it being y^e^ : Nations as well as our concern.

As to our affaires in Persia, wee are very sorry y^t^ : y^e^ : great charge wee have been at hath had so little Success : w^ch^ : wee must impute to your not manageing y^t^ : affaire as you ought to have done : for you had no reason to keep y^e^ : Scipio Affrican so long in yo^r^ : port, when wee had so considerable a Cargo of goods on board, at so great a charge as her demorage will amount to, & y^t^ : damage y^t^ : accrew'd to our goods by their long lying, & to y^e^ : loss of y^e^ : best times of Sales. Our Agent thence complaines y^t^ : you left him wholly ignorant of y^e^ : Instruccions given to our ffactors at Bussora & Gombroone, y^t^ : he was not able to give y^m^ : either advice or assistance & complaines much of those ffactors, He encourages much to y^e^ : Sending of a Cargo in a ship directly to Gombroone, to arrive in Sept^r^ : y^t^ : y^e^ : Goods may be in Spahaune in Octob^r^ : In w^ch^ : wee shall resolve nothing till wee have yo^r^ : opinion of it, Wee can give no other direccons about y^e^ : business of Persia then wee have already done till we heare further from you in answer to what wee have already writ you on y^t^ : subject, & know y^e^ : Success of y^e^ : Scipio's voyage, & whether y^e^ : Persian will deale more kindly w^th^ : us, when he Shall find wee take care to free his Port, & prevent y^e^ : colouring of Strangers Goods.

Wee are of opinion y^t^ : y^e^ : Persian Should allow us towards our extraordinary charge, & should be very glad you could effect it. But if he will neither doe y^t^ : nor enlarge our proporcon of y^e^ : Customes, & y^t^ : better freights doe not present, nor you give our ships a better dispatch, wee shall have little encouragem^t^ : to send Ships purposely on y^t^ : design : But wee will Still hope of some good effect of y^t^ : Ships going up.

Wee earnestly recomend to you to give order to our Agent etc^a^ : in Persia to procure all y^e^ : Carmania Wool they can possibly get both red & black & if they can have no abatem^t^ : on the black, yet to take it rather y^n^ : leave y^e^ : red, but let them pack each sort a part, & take care to send it you in time to come by our ships, for y^e^ : want thereof hath been a great disappointm^t^ : to us y^s^ : yeare. If it were possible wee would have none come into Europe but what comes to us.

The Agent in his letter tells us of four private ships under English colours arrived from Bombay, y^e^: ℳoast of Mallabar, Bay of Bengala, & Mesulapa^tm^:, w^ch^: gave great occasion of complaint to y^e^: Shaw bunder: Wee require you what in you lyes to prevent this, & to advise us the best way to effect it, & then wee shall give the needfull orders, In y^e^: meane time, let y^e^: Agent take care to disowne all y^t^: are not really English.

Wee are very Sorry for y^e^: death of M^r^: Philip Gyffard, wee pray God prepare us for y^t^: hour. Wee note whom you had Settled for manageing of our affaires at Bombay. Wee doe take notice by y^e^: lre thence of y^e^: 24^th^: Jan^ry^: ℔ Persia merch^t^: of y^e^: great disorder y^e^: bookes & acco^ts^: were in at w^ch^: wee much admire, especially considering y^t^: our Presid^t^: was upon y^e^: place a great part of y^t^: time, for y^e^: [*sic*] write y^t^: the bookes are full of nothing but errors & falce acco^ts^:, & no acco^t^: given of y^e^: warehouse in four yeares, & severall acco^ts^: remaining unballanced time out of mind, & in y^e^: whole a generall confusion, so y^t^: y^s^: could not be y^e^: effect of M^r^: Gyffards or M^r^: Petits Sickness, being long before their time. Wee doe require you, if those acco^ts^: are not already Settled, y^t^: you doe appoint some fit ℔sons to goe in hand with y^m^: y^t^: wee may have y^m^: ℔fected & sent us by y^e^: Returne of these Ships.

Wee note on w^t^: terms you have disposed of our rents & Farms, & doe observe, y^t^: you doe employ some ℔sons under hand to bid for them, w^ch^: wee looke upon as an unfayre practice, & therefore doe order y^t^: you forbeare it for the future, but when you put up either them or any thing elce of ours to a publick Sale, you may Set Such a price under w^ch^; none must bid, & y^e^: Highest bidder to have it, as wee do at our ℳandle.

We do approve of M^r^: Nichols being Judge till M^r^: Sangar comes, & you may allow him y^e^: Salary of 120^l^ ℔ ann̄: during y^e^: time he is So employ'd but all y^e^: fees & perquisites of y^e^: court must be made Good to us, of w^ch^: wee require you to Send us yearly an accompt, & be frugall in yo^r^: expences at y^e^: Sessions.

Wee once more recomend to you to use all frugallity in y^e^: fortifications & military charge: wee would have what necessary done for Security but nothing for ostentacon.

Wee doe wonder y^t^: you should allow Coll^o^: Bake any diet money, wee having write you fully on what termes wee entertained him, & therefore doe require you y^t^: you make us good y^t^: againe, as also his charges from Bombay to Surat, for none are to diet at our charges but our ffactors ℳhaplaines & Writers.

As to Doctor Wilson, wee write you on w^t^: terms he went, & therefore doe not allow y^e^: moneys you paid him: our letters ought to be your Rule, & not y^e^: affirmacons of other ℔sons of what quality Soever, if he likes not to stay on y^e^: termes he first went, he may returne, But wee totally disapprove of y^e^: ℳomission you have given him, & doe require you imediately to recall it; & know not what could induce you to so imprud^t^: an act, wee having able ℳhirurgions of our owne, & by this Comission you bind y^m^: up to his directions & orders, & make a Monopoly of it.

As to M^rs^: Wilcox, you may make up his acco^t^: at y^e^: rate of 120^l^ ℔ ann̄ during y^e^: time he acted y^e^: office as Judge: but you must charge y^e^: acco^t^: w^th^: what he rec^d^: for fees or otherwise in y^t^: employm^t^: & what money you p^d^: him, & y^e^: charges you have been at for his family Since his death, & what shall remaine due you may pay her.

Wee should be very glad you could ℔swade y^e^: Diam^d^: Merch^ts^: to settle at Bombay, & therefore use what meanes you can to effect it.

Wee formerly writ you, before you meddle w^th^: the over flowne grounds on our charge, y^t^: you give us an acco^t^: of y^e^: charge, & y^e^: advantage y^t^: will accrue thereby.

Wee wish y^e^: printing business may take effect, If wee can procure, a founder of letters, he shall be sent by these ships.

Wee note all y^t^: you say about setting out a Troop of Horse, doe allow y^t^: you exerim^t^: it, but require you to give us a ℔ticular acco^t^: by y^e^: return of these

Ships, of y^e^: charge thereof & note in it what wee save towards it any other way, And doe approve of Dap^t^: Kegwins comanding it, provided, y^t^: for his whole charg of horses Serv^ts^: & diet you allow him not more y^n^: one hundred & twenty pounds ℔ anñ.

Wee have rec^d^: y^e^: particuler of y^e^: dimentions of y^e^: Houses, & doe Judge you have been very extravagant in their building. Wee doe expect, y^t^: for y^e^: Hospitall & y^e^: church you exceed not y^e^: Sums allotted you: & are very glad y^t^: the Hospitall proves soe effectual for y^e^: preservation of the Healths of our Men, & would have you consider whether it will not be convenient at y^e^: arrivall of y^e^: new Sold^rs^: to keep y^m^: for some little time there to prevent y^e^: excess w^ch^: you say they are Subject to at their first arrivall. Wee require you to give us an acco^t^: what advantage accrues to us by y^e^: severall houses named in yo^r^: list, & why you make so many chambers in y^e^: Dustome house, Warehouse, Mint house, Bunder house, Accomptants house, Coll^o^: Bakes house, y^e^: Judges old House, Smyths shop, & Do^rt^: of Judicature. For if any are accomodated therew^th^: they ought to pay us rent, y^t^: w^ch^: you call the East India House being Sufficient to lodge all y^t^: wee are obliged to provide for.

Wee observe yo^r^: endeavours for getting y^e^: Weav^rs^: to settle at Bombay: The better to encourage them, you may grant them some little priviledges: But herein take care not to discourage other Inhabitants, but would have you rather buy Dallicoes of y^m^: then give y^m^: out yarne & pay them for y^e^: labour, for elce wee feare y^e^: goods will be very Deare.

The stores you desire for shiping & y^e^: medicines will be y^s^: yeare sent you out.

You say M^r^: West goes home a prisoner for debts, wee know not how you can make one a Prisoner on board ship for debts contracted on shore.

Wee note y^e^; Duell between M^r^: Hornigold & Dapt^n^: Minchin, & doe thinke you are too favourable to them, wee esteeme Such actions So unDhristian like y^t^: wee doe hereby possitively order you, That if any one shall challenge another, you bind him to y^e^: peace & good behavior till our ships return for Engl^d^:, & y^n^: send him home by y^e^: first, & if they doe fight & come of w^th^: life, you doe y^e^: like to both: but if either be killed or die of y^e^: wounds received, y^t^: you proceed ag^st^: y^e^: Survivor as a Murder^r^:; & see execucon done according to law: And this wee require you to see ℔formed without respect of persons of what quality soever & let y^s^: order be made publick.

Wee expect an acco^t^: w^t^: you have done w^th^: Dap^t^: May who (you say) forced his Purser over board, & order'd his tryall at Bombay, for where y^e^: lives of Men are concerned, we would have you very exact in y^e^: inquiry, y^t^: y^e^: blood may not lye upon you or us.

In case of Theft wee cannot approve of selling y^m^: as Slaves nor sending y^m^: to S^t^: Helena, but doe approve of your keeping them chained at worke, And in case any Slaves Shall comitt Theft, wee find no reason why you should pay their Masters for y^m^: but let them be proceeded ag^st^: according to law, by keeping them to worke, or banishing y^m^: from y^e^: Island, And their Masters ought to take care they doe no injury

Wee disallow of your making Dap^t^: Adderton, Dap^t^: of y^e^: Militia of y^e^ Island, & require you to call in y^t^: Domission, for wee must not run into Such extravagant charges; & Dap^t^: Kegwin or one of y^e^: Lieuten^ts^: may very well trayn and exercise y^e^: Soldi^rs^:, & you must not find out employm^ts^: at our charge to gratify ℔sons to whom you would be kind.

Wee this yeare Send you [*Lacuna in original*] soldj^rs^: & [*Lacuna in original*] Women Whatever y^e^: Women pretend you must take no other notice of y^m^: then is menconed in y^e^: list herewith Sent you, upon w^ch^: terms they are admitted.

Wee find you complaine of Domon Barret^ers^:. Wee doe wonder you let y^t^: Sort of people grow to such a height as to cause a complaint, & y^t^: you have not proceeded Severely: ag^st^ them, wee require you to be very Severe ag^st^: all Such People,

And y$^{t}$: you admitt of no Solicitors or Attorneys to plead or manage causes in our Courts, but such as you shall first allow of upon yo$^{r}$: knowledge of y$^{m}$: to be Men of good & honest reputation, & let every ℔son y$^{t}$: will, manage his owne cause, & be encouraged so to doe, & tye y$^{m}$: not up to forms y$^{t}$ are not essentiall to y$^{e}$: doing of Justice, but take care y$^{t}$: all yo$^{r}$: Judiciall Proceedings be made plaine & easy, & w$^{th}$: as little charge as possible, & without delayes.

You complaine likewise of y$^{e}$: Punch howses, w$^{ch}$: are in yo$^{r}$: owne Power to redress, & nothing can be too severe ag$^{st}$: those y$^{t}$: are disorderly, to occation both y$^{e}$: ruin of y$^{e}$: bodies & Souls of Men.

Wee observe, y$^{t}$: you lend out our Soldj$^{rs}$: on Merch$^{ts}$: vessells, w$^{ch}$: wee cannot approve of, y$^{t}$: wee Should be at the charge & they venture their lives in other service, then our owne. You are to take care to free y$^{e}$: two English taken on y$^{e}$: Patan Vessell, but y$^{e}$: Owners must pay y$^{e}$: charges being lent them on their request: By y$^{s}$: you may see Some inconvenience attends such actions.

You order M$^{r}$: Kidson to be entertain'd as an Apothecary at a Salary, & doe send home y$^{e}$: Petty Chirurgions, by whome you say y$^{e}$: Island is oppressed, give us an acc$^{t}$: who those are & how they went out you ought not to let any remayne on y$^{e}$: Island to y$^{e}$: Inconvenience of y$^{e}$: Inhabitants. Wee can not approve of any pay to be allow'd to M$^{r}$: Kidson being not entertayned by us & wee having Chirurgions Sufficient upon y$^{e}$: Island: If he will not remaine on y$^{e}$ tearms he went out at, he may returne wee shall not allow of any wages you paid him, he going out as a free Man upon his owne acco$^{t}$: & not in our Service.

Your order to banish all Vagabond pretended Padres, wee approve of.

Wee againe recomend to you to endeavour to dispose of our brass Guns.

Wee note yo$^{r}$: sending y$^{e}$: Scipio Affrican to Bombay to fetch up some Goods y$^{t}$: She & y$^{e}$: rest of y$^{e}$: Ships had left there formerly: Sure one of y$^{e}$: Smaller Vessells might have done y$^{t}$: worke much cheaper y$^{n}$: her domorage amo$^{ts}$: too.

When you order Banians & Portuguez to be employ'd on our acco$^{ts}$:, you direct y$^{t}$: they should take an oath: Wee have in a former Parragraph disallow'd of yo$^{r}$: employing Such in y$^{e}$: acco$^{ts}$: now doe disallow y$^{e}$ Swearing of Banians by their owne forme.

Wee doe order, though you let our Customes & other Rents to farme yet y$^{t}$: a ℔ticular acco$^{t}$: be kept of each, & yearly send us y$^{t}$: wee know how y$^{e}$: Trade increasess or decreases.

You say, y$^{t}$: you have remaining 300 Perpetuanoes & 100 Mixt Serges very much damaged by y$^{e}$: Rats & Wormes, w$^{ch}$: shew's a great neglect in y$^{e}$; Warehousekee℔, for had they been kept packed up or in presses, this had been prevented, Wee expect he makes us Satisfaction.

Wee observe a french man wounded a Lascar to y$^{e}$: Danger of death & you order, if he did die, he should be tried, & if condemned not executed w$^{th}$: out yo$^{r}$: further order. Wee doe not approve of such Stops of Justice, for you would have found yo$^{r}$: selves importun'd for his pardon. And wee as little approve of yo$^{r}$: discharging him after y$^{e}$: Lascar recovered with only paying charges, when as by law he ought to have given y$^{e}$: Poor man Satisfaction, & been fined for breach of the peace.

Wee doe not approve of yo$^{r}$: ordering y$^{e}$: French to have their 12 Masts Custome free when they were landed w$^{th}$: other goods y$^{t}$: were Sold, & these exposed to Sale, & wee must pay y$^{e}$: farmer for it, but if it be placed to our acco$^{t}$: wee shall not allow it: Wee desire to be kind to all, but not be at charge for any.

Wee find you lent a Dolcar 80x$^{s}$: to repaire his fishing Stakes & to buy new, 200 rup$^{s}$: given at Girderdas y$^{e}$: Brokers daughter wedding 261x$^{s}$: given to y$^{e}$: Comp$^{as}$: Serv$^{ts}$: & Brokers at y$^{e}$: Presid$^{ts}$: leaving Bombay, & 12x$^{s}$: ℔ m$^{o}$: Settled on y$^{e}$: Clerk of y$^{e}$ church, w$^{ch}$: though not much, yet wee take notice y$^{t}$: it ought to be paid by y$^{e}$: Inhabitants: All w$^{ch}$: wee looke upon as unecessary, & shall not allow.

Wee observe y$^{t}$: they at Bombay desire y$^{t}$: y$^{e}$: Europe ships should stop sometime there in their returne for Engl$^{d}$: from Surat. Wee are very willing y$^{t}$: all in our Service Should be accomodated when it may be without prejudice to us: But if it should happen so late y$^{t}$: y$^{e}$: ships cannot stay there, as it was y$^{e}$: last yeare, you must not admit it, & therefore you must give y$^{m}$: order at Bombay to have all in a readiness, y$^{t}$: when y$^{e}$: ships doe touch they may not be detain'd: And if you find y$^{t}$: they cannot stop there without prejudice or endangering their voyage, you must give y$^{m}$: timely notice, y$^{t}$: they doe Send (what they would send for Engl$^{d}$:) to Surat to be put on board though (as before mencon'd) you dispatch them so timely as they may Stop there.

Wee recomend to you to keep very good guards & strict Watches, & to let no Strangers come armed ashore, nor in any great numbers, nor to Sound the Harbour, or View your fortificacons, for though at present wee are at peace w$^{th}$: all our neighbours, yet there are great appearances of warr between us. & ffrance; & y$^{e}$: Portugueze & they are in Strict amity, So y$^{t}$: you must be very watchfull to prevent a Surprize.

Wee would have you order y$^{e}$: making of bills of mortality as is practised in y$^{s}$: ℐity, w$^{ch}$: wee would have yearely Sent us, and therein note how many English are borne & buried, & how many others.

Alvaro Peres having made his adresses by y$^{e}$: meanes of y$^{e}$: Portugall embassador to his Ma$^{tie}$: w$^{ch}$: begate a referrence to Some Lords of y$^{e}$: ℐouncill, where wee appeared, & y$^{e}$: Lords reported, & his Ma$^{ty}$: order'd, he should repaire to Bombay & there to take his triall: ℐopies of those transactions wee herewith send you. On w$^{ch}$: he adrest him him selfe to us by Peticon, copie of w$^{ch}$: goes herew$^{th}$:, w$^{th}$: our order of 17$^{th}$: Octob$^{r}$: there upon, & copie of our letter given him to deliver you, & wee order you to ℙforme y$^{e}$: Same, when he shall make his peticon & Submission as is therein directed, w$^{ch}$: when he shall doe let it be as publick as may be, y$^{t}$: all y$^{e}$: Inhabitants may take notice of it, & be deterred in y$^{e}$: future from Such like actions.

Since this, he hath presented us another Peticon about his ℐoal fishers & Aldea, y$^{e}$: ℐopie whereof wee now send you, w$^{th}$: y$^{e}$: copie of a report of y$^{e}$: ℐom$^{tee}$; thereupon, according to w$^{ch}$: you are to act, in restoring him to y$^{e}$: Aldea & ℐolles fishermen, if they doe of right belong unto him according to y$^{e}$: settlem$^{t}$: of y$^{e}$: Island made in November 1672. He did desire y$^{t}$: he might farm y$^{e}$: quit rents; but not knowing what inconvenience might accrue to us thereby, wee did not admit it.

Wee have taken due notice of y$^{e}$: several acts of unkindness y$^{e}$: Portugalls have used towards us, & particularly y$^{t}$: of y$^{e}$: ℐap$^{t}$: Gen$^{ll}$: of Bassim, & y$^{e}$: issue of it, you ought to have stood upon satisfaccon for y$^{e}$: Sargeant y$^{t}$: they Killed in cold blood, & as you have opportunity still insist upon it: & you being sencible of their ill will ought to be y$^{e}$: more carefull to prevent any mischeife y$^{t}$: they may intend. Herew$^{th}$: wee send you a Memoriall put in by their Ambassador to y$^{e}$: ℐouncill here, w$^{th}$: our reply, & y$^{e}$: Lords report thereupon, & a large State of our claime to what they keep from us. It hath pleased his Maj$^{tie}$: to give in charge to his Agent at Lisbon to make demand & insist upon y$^{e}$: ℙfecting of such Articles as may fully end all differences as may settle y$^{t}$: affaire, transcripts thereof wee likewise send, All w$^{ch}$: wee would have you diligently peruse for yo$^{r}$: Government, & send us copies of such writings as you have y$^{t}$: relate to any agreem$^{ts}$: made betwixt y$^{e}$: Govern$^{r}$: of y$^{s}$: Island, & y$^{e}$: Vice Roy of Goa before y$^{e}$: King gave it us, & y$^{e}$: Plat & Instructions y$^{t}$: S$^{r}$: Abraham Shipman carried over when he went to take possession, & what els you can furnish us w$^{th}$: to make out our right to Tannah & Carrinjah.

Wee have formerly order'd you to give liberty to y$^{e}$: Return's men y$^{t}$: are willing, to come home: Since wee have been ℙticularly importuned for Rob$^{t}$: Newton y$^{e}$: ℐooper, whom you are to order to come home, & if y$^{e}$: ℐomand$^{rs}$: of y$^{e}$: ships now going Shall be willing to exchange some of their Men for such of y$^{e}$: Returnes Men as desire to come home, you may ℙmit it.

You are to ℔mit Philip Jenkins Soldjer to return by y$^{e}$: first ships to his Wife & ℭhildren.

Among y$^{e}$: Soldjers y$^{t}$: wee have now entertained is one George ℭoles, y$^{t}$: was formerly a Soldj$^{r}$: at Bombay & desires to returne: If he behaved himselfe formerly to yo$^{r}$: Satisfaction, and shall still deserve it, you may give him the same encouragem$^{t}$: as he formerly had.

Send home yearely some female spotted Deer, and such birds as were formerly write for, for his Maj$^{tie}$:

Wee send you this yeare 20 ℭhests of ℭanary in bottles w$^{ch}$: are to dispose of to y$^{e}$: severall ffactories.

Not knowing what times wee may fall into, wee againe recom̃end y$^{e}$: timely dispatch of our ships, y$^{t}$: coming in time they may keep together & keep at a convenient distance from y$^{e}$: ℭape, w$^{ch}$: wee would have you insert in their orders.

By these ships wee send you Sev$^{ll}$: Stamps for coyning, & y$^{t}$: our ℭoines may be handsome wee have order'd some dyes and other Instrum$^{ts}$: for y$^{e}$: ℭoining of rup$^{s}$: after y$^{e}$: modell of our mill'd money, & M$^{r}$: George ℭooke, Sam$^{ll}$: Annesley, & John Morrice have been instructed how to use y$^{m}$:, & we beleive y$^{e}$: ℭoyn being so handsome it will take through out all y$^{t}$: ℭountry, you must take great care to keep y$^{e}$: alloy to a certaine fineness, y$^{t}$: noe disrepute may fall upon it, & if you cannot have these instrum$^{ts}$: made there as you shall want y$^{m}$:, we will yearly Supply you with Such as you shall demand, if wee find our Mint turn us to acco$^{t}$:, of w$^{ch}$: wee would have you send us yearely a ℔ticular, y$^{t}$: we may see our profitt, & whether y$^{e}$ quantity you coyn be worth this charge, And if y$^{s}$: coyn doth take & it prove advantageous, you will doe well to keep y$^{e}$: art private.

There is one George Stringer Son of our late Govern$^{r}$: of S$^{t}$: Hellena who is now a Soldj$^{r}$: on y$^{e}$: Island, when he hath served there his full time as a Soldj$^{r}$: wee doe appoint y$^{t}$: he be entertain'd as a writer in our Service if there be occasion for any of y$^{t}$: quality, or otherwise y$^{t}$: you give him such other employm$^{t}$: as he shall be found capable of.

Wee have consider'd of y$^{e}$: place our Judge at B Bay should hold and doe order y$^{t}$: he shall be 4$^{th}$: of ℭouncill at B Bay, but y$^{t}$: he wholy attend y$^{e}$: Judicatory, & not be concern'd in mercantile affaires, & if it be found necessary to have more of ℭouncill at B Bay you may make a supply by y$^{e}$: Sen$^{r}$: Merch$^{ts}$: y$^{t}$: are not of y$^{e}$: ℭouncill.

Send us yearly a list of y$^{e}$: names of Soldj$^{rs}$: & others in our service with y$^{e}$: time of their going out, entertainm$^{t}$: there & y$^{r}$: Salaries, as also a list of his Maj$^{tys}$: Subjects in your Presidency w$^{ch}$: are not in our service, w$^{th}$: y$^{e}$: time & manner of their coming out, & how they doe employ & behave y$^{m}$: selves.

Send yearly to S$^{t}$: Hellena 5 or 6 ⊖$^{d}$: w$^{tt}$: of hard sope.

Alvaro Peres has made it his request to us to ℔mit him to returne to Bombay in our Shiping w$^{th}$: two Serv$^{ts}$:, w$^{ch}$: wee have granted, but it is at his owne charge, Some ℔sons here have accom̃odated him w$^{th}$: y$^{e}$ loan of 200$^{l}$ for w$^{ch}$: he has given his obligac̃on to repay y$^{m}$: there & upon their request wee doe recom̃end it to you to endeavour y$^{t}$: he doe comply therew$^{th}$: out of y$^{e}$: Proffit of y$^{e}$ Estate y$^{t}$: has remained sequestred, or otherwise as may be most conveniently effected.

Wee have in a former Paragraph written of some Engines wee send you for coyning, of w$^{ch}$: you have herew$^{th}$: a list, w$^{th}$: some short direc̃ons for their use, amongst y$^{e}$: Soldj$^{rs}$: there is entertained one John Morrire y$^{t}$: hath been employ'd in y$^{e}$ Mint here & may be use full in y$^{s}$: business there N$^{o}$: 5 conteyns y$^{e}$: grayning engine, or edging Mill, of w$^{ch}$: wee here w$^{th}$: send you the Key: this is not to be seen by more y$^{n}$: one ℔son whom you can confide in, & accordingly to Such you may comit y$^{e}$: key.

Upon y$^{e}$ request of Doctor Brady, we desire y$^{t}$: M$^{r}$: Adams doe pay into our ℭash y$^{e}$: estate of M$^{r}$: John ffuller (who died at Bussora) & left his affaires in M$^{r}$: Adams his care & give us notice thereof, y$^{t}$: wee may pay y$^{e}$: same here to y$^{t}$: ℔sons concern'd according to his will.

Upon y^e^: desire of y^e^: ffather of Jn^o^: Adman who some time Since died at Bombay & whose Widdow did, ℔oll^o^: Bake, Wee desire you to adjust his accompts & pay to our Cash what you shall find due & give us notice y^t^: wee may pay y^e^: Same here to y^e^: Persons concern'd & ℔ticularly there was a ℔cell of ℔ordage w^ch^: came to Bombay since his death.

In a former clause wee mencon sev^ll^: Writers Sent out to Serve for 7 yeares amongst whom is M^r^: Benj^a^: Alleyn and M^r^: Rob^t^: Goldsbrough who are to serve but five yeares, w^ch^: you are to take notice of accordingly.

Wee desire you well to considér what wee have, & to be carefull of y^e^: due observation thereof, & so comitting you to y^e^: Guidance & protection of y^e^: Almighty, Wee remaine

It hath pleased God to arryve y^e^: Mary in y^e^: Downes y^s^: 26^th^: Instant.

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| | John Banks. | Ja^s^: Edwards Dep^tie^: Gov^r^: |
| Sam^ll^: Barnardiston. | Arth: Ingram. | Jn^o^: Laurence. |
| Tho: Papillon. | Natt: Herne. | Jn^o^: Moore. |
| John Jollife. | Rob: Thompson. | Sam^ll^: Moyer. |
| John Paige. | Matt: Andrews. | Steven White. |
| Chris: Boone. | John Bathurst. | Jn^o^: Dogett. |
| | Edward Rudge. | Jeremy Sambrooke. |
| | Jn^o^: Mordent. | Tho: Canham. |
| | | Daniell Sheldon. |

[P.S.].

Mr. Leggat, Exec^r^ to Mr. Thompson having satified us. of his right to y^e^ Estate & on advice of ℔ouncell if Wee refused y^e^: paym^t^: of wt. appear'd to be due would recover it by Law, Wee have p^d^: him 171l̃: 8^s^: 6^d^ for 1523 rup^s^: 5 pice due as ℔ acco^t^: in yo^r^: bookes w^ch^: wee have passed to yo^r^: acco^t^: & accordingly bring it to our ℔redit in accot^t^: ℔urrant.

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## COPPY—A LETTER FROM LIV^o^: TO THE CONSULL OF ALEPPO

S^r^,,

Liv^o^: @ 24^th^: Aprill 1677.

Cap^t^: Remerton being such an intelligent man, I might referr you to him for newes, however I could not omitt these few lines, Wee have in these parts of ffrance vast preparations for Messina, but tis only to keepe their ground, for y^e^: Spaniards in all probabillity are hard enough for them in Sicily by land.

This Session of Parliament contrary to most peoples opinion is like to prove a most happy one, having given y^e^: King l̃. 600000 to build 30 men of warr, & continued y^e^: additionall excise for 3 yeares, & its thought may give him some ready money, but y^e^: greate new's of all is, y^e^: Parliam^ts^: addresse to his Maj^tye^: y^t^: he will be pleased to Stopp y^e^: ffrench Kings progresse in fflanders, by entring into league or otherwise & this only upon his having beseidged Valencenies w^ch^: he tooke in 8 dayes, hath since besiedged ℔ambray & S^t^ Omer, this latter by his Brother, & now wee have a ℔urier from ffrance w^th^: new's, y^t^: y^e^: Prince of Orange marching to raise y^e^: Seidge of this latter place, Mons^r^: went against him, fought him, & totally defeated his whole army, taking bag & baggage, canon &c^a^,: God forbid it should be so bad for y^e^: circumstances would be very great, & for ought I know they must recoñend themselves to us againe as poore distressed States, & ingage us in a warr, wherein also 'tis Supposed y^e^: People of Englands motion would only cause a Peace to be clapt up at Nemingan, y^e^: Garmans are coming into y^e^: ffeild

very Powerfull, but will be very late, y$^{e}$: Sweeds have retaken this winter, almost all they had lost except Pomeranin, Wee keepe an intire peace w$^{th}$: all Barbary. the ship being on departure I have not time to inlarge I am

I should have said wee had yours 6 Jan$^{ry}$: & punctually forwarded yo$^{r}$: Sev$^{ll}$: lett$^{rs}$: letters rec$^{d}$: therew$^{th}$: o$^{o}$: Bale.

Yo$^{r}$: humble Servant
Rob$^{t}$: Bale.

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## COPIE OF THE COMPANIES GENERALL TO THE CHIEF AND COUNCELL IN Y$^{E}$ BAY. 19$^{TH}$ JULY AND 2$^{ND}$ AUGUST 1677.

RECED. IN FORT S$^{T}$. GEORGE MARCH 7$^{TH}$ 167$\frac{8}{9}$.

OUR CHIEF & COUNCELL IN THE BAY.

London. 19$^{th}$ July 1677.

You have often acquainted us with the trouble y$^{e}$ Governo$^{rs}$ have put you to, for want of a new Phirmaund. Whereupon wee did by ours of the 23$^{th}$ of Decembr 1674 give order to our Agent & Councell at the ffort. That if they did finde it necessarie, they would endeavour to procure One, w$^{th}$ as little charge as they could w$^{ch}$ wee understand by ~~l~~res from M$^{r}$ Streynsham Masters of the 28$^{th}$ of October last (w$^{ch}$ wee ~~r~~ecd the 13$^{th}$ instant by our Surrat ships) you have ~~e~~ndeavoured to effect, but by reason of the death of yo$^{r}$: Vacqueel, & other obstru~~c~~cons you have not yet obtayned it. Wherefore in regard you formerly & now M$^{r}$: Master by his Letter hath soe effectually acquainted us how needfull it is. Wee could have you to renew yo$^{r}$ former endeavours for procureing a new Phirmand that may be full and effectuall for Continuance of former priviledges & secureing our trade. Wee shall not ꝑticulerly direct you how to ꝑceede because you know the custome of that Court & Country but would have you to doe it, with all privacie without noyse; and with as little charge to us as you can but yet doe it as soone as you can with conveniency.

Wee have written to our President & Councell at Surrat, that when they convey these to you They should give you their best advice how to proceed herein & if need be to affoord you their best assistance in this affaire.

Wee are heartily sorry for the losse of our worthy friend M$^{r}$: Puckle & desire that both wee & you may be duly sensible of such dispensa~~c~~ons & that wee may be enabled to act accordingly.

Wee doe not now write to you concerning any other busines, for that our Coast ships are not yet arrived; when it pleaseth god to send them in safety to us with yo$^{r}$: advices, Wee intend to acquaint you overland what shal be needfull.

It pleased god, the 12$^{th}$ instant, our Surrat ships the Berkeley Castle Society and Nathaniel arrived safe in the Downes, w$^{ch}$: gives us occasion to put you in mind that our Coast and Bay shipping are usually later than those from other ꝑts & by that meanes their comeing about the Cape is rendered the more hazardous. Wee therefore require you to take care for the future to dispatch them more timely from the Bay. Wee comitt you to the protection and guidance of the Almighty & remaine

yo$^{r}$: loveing friends &c.

The above written is copie of Ours of the 19$^{th}$: past. Wee were [i]n hopes that before this time, our Coast ships wold have arrived w$^{th}$ us, w$^{ch}$ might have occasioned us to inlarge to you. But as yet wee heare nothing of them God in mercy send them in safety to us.

2$^{d}$ August 1677.

## COMPANIES GENERALL TO THE AGENT & COUNCELL AT FORT S[T]. GEORGE, 7[TH]. SEPT. 1677.

RECĒD MARCH 7[TH]. 167⅞

OUR AGENT & COUNCEL AT FORT S[T]. GEORGE.

London—7[th] Septemb̄. 1677.

Wee herewith send you Copy of ours to our Cheif & Councell in the Bay of the 19[th] July & 2[d] August (also w[t] wee have written to them of this date) which was to give them directions for procureing a Phyrmaund, least our affaires should suffer inconvenience for want thereof before wee could send orders by o[r] shipping, Not knowing what directions you had given pursuant to our former Orders in that busines, Since which wee have recd̄ yo[rs]: of the 23[th] July 15[th]. 20[th]. and 27[th] January by the Johañah which with the Eagle & ffalcon, as also the President from Bantam praised be God arrived safe in the Downes the 13[th] past and left the Surrat Mer[t] by reason of her heavy sailing 4 daies after their departure from Madrass; The ship Mary from Bantam is also missing, though she came out six weeks before the President, God in mercy bring them both in safety to us.

Wee did defer writeing to the Bay about any of our affaires except the Phyrmaund untill the arrivall of our Ships, and wee now finde by yo[rs]. y[t]: you have given them the same directions as wee have done for procureing the Phyrmaund, They being most knowing upon the place how that affair stands, and how to mañage it at Court, and therefore wee leave it upon, what wee have already written, unles you finde it needfull to send the Copy least ours should not be come to their hands which went before.

And though there be many things of Great weight in yo[r]: Letter, we shall forbear to give answer to them in Pticular, for that wee intend it at large God willing by our Ships, but in the Generall are troubled that the differences amongst our Servants (who should unite to carry on our business) hath so much obstructed our returne, yet hope you have according to the instructions wee gave you the last yeer, prevented any Psons from hindering or disturbing the management of our Affaires.

Wee hope you have according to o[r]: order caused a considerable quantity of Salt Petre to be bought at Pattana and lodged at the ffort, that it may be ready upon any occasion for the ladeing of our Ships.

Wee intend to send one ship this yeer from yo[r] Parts to Bantam, and would therefore have you provide a Cargo to the value of ten or 12000l̄ sterling in such goods as you shall have advice from thence, are fit for that place, to be in readines against her arrivall or as soon after as may be.

Wee take notice that both in yo[r]: Letters and those from the Bay, You much complain of the great quantities of English woolen manufactures that yet ly on our hands and theirs that bought them of us, who cañot dispose of them, and of the inconveniencies that arise, from yo[r]: being necessitated to put them off in Barter & otherwise, wee shall therefore forbear to send you any more by o[r]: next Ships, that so wee may sell off what remaines in our hands in all the ffactories, and [that] th[ose] who have bought of us may free theirs also, that they may be ready to buy again when fresh goods shall arrive, Of which wee give you this timely notice, that you may improve the remaind[r] of our goods, to the best advantage.

Wee finde both from yo[r]: selves and our ffactors at Metchlepatam and the Bay that there are sent very short returnes of what wee expected according to the Stock wee had in each place, but hope you have (as you write) endeavoured in all places to imploy our Stock for p[ro]cureing all sorts of goods at cheape rates in readines again[st] the arrivall of our Ships, and that you will have made us answearable returnes before these come to yo[r]: hands, And as you had a great Stock at the comeing away of these Ships, So when you have disposed of our goods, you will have a great remaine at the comeing away of our next yeers Shipping, which wee hope you will have reduced into money and gone on in makeing Investments for the ensueing yeer, and procureing goods in a readines at the cheapest Rates before hand, And wee doe intend So to Order our Affaires that you may alwaies have money to begin Investments, when our Ships come away, concerning which wee shall write at large by our next.

Wee gave directions in our last of the 15th: Decemb 1676 by our Ships what to provide for the yeer 1678, and since wee have made some additions & alterations and therefore wee would have you to provide the Severall Sorts of goods at the places following (Vizt:)

AT THE FORT.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Long Cloth Ordinary— | | forty thousand. | 40000 peeces. |
| Ditto | brown— | Ten thousand. | 10000 |
| Ditto | fine— | fower thousand. | 4000 |
| Ditto | white without stifning— | two thousand. | 2000 |
| Ditto | blew— | six thousand | 6000 |
| | | In all 62000 ps. | |

Sallampores Ordry: from N° 3 to N° 10— forty thousd — 40000 but send none of N°: 18: 19: 20 except they can be had 20 ℔ Cent cheaper.

Parcallaes fine N°: 15. 16 if to be procured at 20 ℔ Cent cheaper then last Invoiced, if not send us none—two thousand — 2000 ps

Morees N° 7. 8. 9–fower thousand. — 4000 but none course.

Ditto N° 10–two thousand. — 2000

Ditto Su℔fine N° 11 or 12–one thousand — 1000

Neckclothes of 18 in a peece–three thousand — 3000

Neckclothes Ordinary striped with red– fifty thousd — 50000

Bettelees—25 yards Long–fower thousand — 4000

Ditto of twenty yards long the finer & thinner the better–Six thousand. — 6000

S[ai]l Cloth–Ten thousand — 10000

Dyaper–Two thousand — 2000 if they c[a]n be b[oug]ht according to [former directions.]

AT METCHLEPATAM.

| | Peeces. | |
|---|---|---|
| Long Cloth Ordinary white such as were Sent home by the Johannah N° 10. 11. 12. 13 which cost from 24 pago 16 fañ to 26 pago 16 fann ℔ Corge. Twenty thousand. | 20000 | |
| Long Cloth fine such as N° 2. 3. 4 ℔ Johannah that cost from three to about 4 pago. ℔ pc One thousand | 1000 | |
| Sallampores fine–Eight thousand | 8000 | |
| Ditto Ordry–Ten thousand | 10000 | |
| Parcallaes fine–Six thousand | 6000 | |
| Ginghams white–1½ yards broad and about 23 & 24 yds Long–fower thousand | 4000 | |
| Ditto browne–One thousand | 1000 | |
| Izzarees–Two thousand | 2000 | |
| Bettelees Oringall–Eight thousand | 8000 | |
| Allejaes according to the Samples last yeer sent The Red Stripes to be lively and full and the other Stripes to be ℔fectly white–twelve thousd | 12000 | |
| Dungarees–Twelve thousand | 12000 | |
| Cotton Romalls each handkercheif to be in length and bredth ¾ of a yard–twenty thousand | 20000 | |
| Pegu Sticklack–One hundred tuns | | 100 ts or as much more as you can procure to ly in readines at ye ffort. |

The reason why wee give directions for so many goods to be provided at Metchlepatam is because they are much better & cheaper, and therefore would have you procure them there, but in case So great a quantity cañot be had in those parts, then wee would have you make up what shall be wanting in the Same Sorts of goods, which are to be had at the Fort, excepting the Ginghams and the fine Sallampores.

IN THE BAY.

| | |
|---|---|
| Colored Ginghams–Ten thousand | 10000 peeces. |
| Cossaes –Ten thousand | 10000 |
| Mulmulls –fower thousand | 4000 |
| Silk Romalls –fifteen thousand | 15000 |
| Nillaes –Ten thousand | 10000 |
| ffine Humhums of Decca but no course ones –One thousand | 1000 |
| Taffaties of which one half Cloth Colors thirty five thousand according to o$^{r}$ last directions and patternes, but the Raw Taffaties you send they must be thicker and of more Substance then the last [els] they are not vendible. | 35000 ps |
| Glossy black Taffaties–two thousand | 2000 |
| Raw Silk head & Belly such as formerly sent –Six hundred | 600 bales. |
| Ordin$^{rr}$: Raw silk such as came by the ffalcon D n$^{o}$: 4 which cost 2$^{rup}$ 12$\frac{3}{8}^{an}$ ℔ seer two hundred | 200 bales. |
| Salt Petre –One thousand Tuns | 1000 tuns. |
| ffloretta yarne –One hundred Bales | 100 Bales. |
| Turmerick –ffifty tuns | 50 tuns |
| or if there be want of ladeing to make it up | 100 tuns |

Sticklack–of the best & blackest–fifty tuns–50 tuns and also 100 tuns more to be bro$^{t}$ up to y$^{e}$ ffort & to be lodged there.

Sannoes of 16 yards long such as came by the Eagle & Johanah of Mohunpore, Herrapore & Sura–ten thousand–10000 peeces if they can be bought cheaper by 10 ℔ ℳent then those now brought home.

No Ţincall to be sent us.

Wee have viewed the Patternes of the Maulda Musters you sent us from the Bay, and would have you provide of them the Severall Sorts & quantities following, but take care they be exact according to ℔attern

| | | rup | ann | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Mullmulls–N$^{o}$ | G. cost | 4 | 8 | –two thousand–2000 peeces. | |
| Ditto N$^{o}$ | F. cost | 7 | 9 | –two thousand–2000 | |
| Ditto | E. cost | 16 | 11 | –two thousand–2000 | |
| Cossaes | D. cost | 4 | 12 | –two thousand–2000 | all y$^{e}$ Cossaes to be thinner & cleerer y$^{n}$. y$^{e}$ Samples |
| Ditto N$^{o}$ | C. cost | 9 | 5 | –one thousand–1000 | |
| Ditto | B. | 9 | 0 | –five hundred – 500 | |
| Ditto | A. | 14 | 5 | –five hundred – 500 | |

As for the Elatches and other Stuffs, wee shall write by our shipping, & returne Samples of them back, and then advise what quantities wee would have of each Sort.

Upon Opening and viewing our Callicoes (in order to their Sale) which were brought home by these Ships, wee finde as followes.

That the Brown Cloth is thin and worse then formerly and therefore would have no Brownes sent but such as are thick and well made.

The Sallampores N$^{o}$: 18. 19. 20 are much too dear as formerly advised.

The Parcallaes N$^{o}$ 13. 14. 15
Ginghams N$^{o}$ 33. 36. 37 } are very much too dear.

The Ginghams coloured are very course rowey and dear.

Nillaes are dear and not so good as last yeer.

Cossaes–A 6 B 6 C 6 are much too thick extraord[ry] dear & sent home contrary to our former orders.

Neck Clothes. N[o]. 38 are very course dear & worse then form[rly].

And notwithstanding wee enordered 12000 peeces of Romalls to be sent us by this shipping there are but 4300 sent, whereas wee understand the full quantity might have been provided.

And of the ten thousand Dotton Romalls ordered to be provided at Metchlepatam there are none sent us.

And of the 8000 peeces of Allejaes wee have received but 2700 peecs.

And of the 50 bales of ffloretta yarne you have onely sent us Eight Bales. In all which wee haveing received So great a disappointment & prejudice doe expect that you use yo[r] utmost endeavours for the future to give a better compliance to all our Orders And so comitting you to the guidance and protection of the Almighty Wee remaine.

Yo[r] Loveing ffriends

WILL. THOMSON Gov[r]

JOHN MOORE

JN[o] LAWRENCE.

THO: PAPILLON

MATH ANDREWES

[OHN] PAIGE.

EDWARD RUDGE.

SAM MOYER.

JN[o] DOGETT.

NATHANIEL HERNE.

JEREMY SAMBROOKE.

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## COPIE OF LETTER TO CHIEFE AND COUNCIL TO HUGHLEY.

OVERLAND N[o]. 3

OUR CHEIFE AND COUNCEL AT HUGHLEY.

[London] 7[th] Sep[t] 1677.

Since ours to you of 19[th] July [ . . . ] [of August Dup] [licate] whereof comes herewith, & was [ . . . ] Turky [ . . . ] hath pleased God to arrive with us thre [ . . . ] [our] four Ships from y[o[r]]: parts. Viz[t]. The Eagle, Johanna & Falco[n] they leaving the Surr[t] M[erchant] four daies after their dep[ar]ture from Mad[ras] by reason of her heavie sailing, God send her in safetie to us. B[y] these Ships wee [recd] yo[rs] the 19[th] Jan[rie]: 1676 unto w[ch] wee sha[ll] give a full answer by o[r] Shipping, but in the meanetime wou[ld] have you take notice of some alteracons wee have made in the Invest[ts] w[ch] wee ordered by o[r] Lres of 18[th] of Dec[br] by our last years Shipping to be made [in] yo[r] parts, & therefore wee would have you goe in hand & provide the goods following.

| | |
|---|---|
| Coloured Ginghams | 10000 pcs. |
| Cossaes | 10000 |
| Mullmulls | 4000 |
| Silke Romalls | 15000 |
| Nillaes | 10000 |
| Fine Humhums of Decc[a] | 1000 but none coarse. |

* The original of this is in a dilapidated state; and dots within square brackets represent word or words lost.

Taffaties (of which one half Cloth Colours)–35000 according to our last direccons & patternes; but the raw Taffaties you send, [they] be thicker & of more substance then y^e^ last els they are not vendible.

[ . . . ] if they can be well .. ... 10000
[ . . . ] such as form^ly^ sent ... ... 600 bales.
[ ] ... ... ... ... 200 bales.
[Salt] etre [ ] ... ... ... ... 1000 tonns.
[ . . . ] ... ... ... ... 100 bales.
[ . . . ] ... ... ... ... 50 tonns [or if . . . ]
[ . . . ] ... ... ... ... 100 tonns.
[ . . . ] .. ... ... ... 50 tonns.
[ . . . ] ... ... ... ... 100 tonns.
[ . . . ] ... ... ... ... 1000 [if they can]
[ . . . ] Eagle [ . . . ] ...
[ . . . ] Sura; bought [ . . . ] by 10 y C^t^ then those [ . . . ]

[Wee] have viewed the Patterns of Maulda Musters you [sent us & wold] have you provide [of] them the severall sorts & q^ties^ following, but take care they [be exact] according to Patterns you sent us.

| | ru | an | | | | pcs. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| N° C c[ost] | 4. | 8 | ... | ... | ... | 2000 |
| N° F cost | 7: | 9 | ... | ... | ... | 2000 |
| N° E cost | 16: | 11 | ... | ... | ... | 2000 |
| N° [D cost] | 4: | 12 | ... | ... | ... | 2000 |
| N° C cost | 9: | 5 | ... | ... | ... | 1000 |
| N° B cost | 9: | 0 | ... | ... | ... | 500 |
| N° A. cost | 14: | 5 | ... | ... | ... | 500 |

All the Cossaes to be thinner & clearer then y^e^ Samples.

As for the Elaches & other Stuffs wee shall write by o^r^ Shipping & returne Samples of them back, and then advice what q^ties^: wee would have [of] each sort.

Upon viewing & opening in order to their Sale w^ch^ were brought home by these Ships wee find as foll^o^.

The coloured Ginghams are worse, coarse, rowy & dear.

The Nillaes dear, & not soe good as last year, and

The Cossaes. A. No 6. B. 6. C. 6 are much too thick & sent home cont[rar]y to ord^er^.

And wee find that you have sent us short.

Instead of 12000 pcs of Romalls but 4300 pcs whereas we und^r^stand th[e] full q^tie^ might have been provided. And that instead of 50 bales of Floretta yarn you have only sent us 8 bales.

Wee are informed [ . . . ] procureable, within 30 miles of Pattana, & may be brought [ . . . ] from thence then from Surra[t]t. Wee would there [fore . . . ] to M^r^ Charnock to buy [ . . . ] of 16 yard long, & one yard [a nail broad].

Wee have for the encreasing [ . . . ] of o^r^ English Man[ufactu]re from time to time have sent [you] [ . . . ]erable q^ties^ and ordered you to [putt] them off at re[asonable] [ . . . ]ding by yo^r^ advices that you [: . . ]ing of them either in sale or [ . . . ] q^tie^ wee usually have done, [ . . . ]nes, & wee shall supplie you [ . . . ] sell for readie mony, [ . . . ] off in barter, as we shall [ . . . ].

Wee take notice [that y^e^ Differences among o^r^: Factory] [ . . . ] the due managem^t^ of o^r^: a[ffaires & much obstruction] [ . . . ] the direccons given last year to our Agent & Councell at y^e^ [Fort] to discountenance or suspend those that should be turbulent, hath [allready] reduced things to a better od^r^ & settem^t^ & doe expect to hear [that] you live in amitie each with other, & industriouslie unite in y^e^ [carrying] on of our businesse, Wee shall not now inlarge, but require you to [ . . . ] what Stock wee have into readie money, & ℔ticularly the Gunns (w^ch^

you say remaine on hand) either in barter or otherwise, & to improve it in providing the goods wee have enordered, that they may be in readinesse for the lading of our Ships, And to take [care] all things be managed with frugalitie, & that good orders be [kept in] respective factories, & ℔ticularly that you follow the direccons [given] for the procuring the new Phirmand; And soe comitting you [to the] Guidance & protecc̃on of the Almightie, Wee remaine.

Yo$^{r}$ Loving Freinds. &c.

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## COMPANIES GENERALL TO THE CHEIF & COUNCELL IN THE BAY, 12$^{TH}$ DECEMBER 1677.

℔ Ship Nathaniel No. 1.

Our Chief & Councell in the Bay. London 12th Decembr 1677.

Wee wrote you at large by our last yeers Shipping of the 18$^{th}$ of Decembr 1676 and since by Letters overland dated 19$^{th}$ of July, 2$^{d}$ of August and 7$^{th}$ Septemb last, ℔opies of which wee herewith send you, since which wee received yours of the 30$^{th}$ of Decembr 1676 by our Ships which praised be god are all arrived in safety with us, wee Still recomend to you what possibly in you lies the promoteing the vent of our woolen manufactures, and if you finde that yo$^{r}$ dealing with one Merchant for buying the whole will better effect it wee leave that to you, but to beget the better esteem of it wee send you none this yeer save onely what may be for presents.

Vent of Woollen Manufactures [*a word or two lost*] to one Marchant.

2. Wee are very sensible of the great advantage it would be to us, if our Ships would goe up to Hughly, which wee beleeve the ℔omand$^{rs}$ will never attempt till you can prevent the great private Trade they drive at Ballasore; But that we may contribute thereunto what in us lies, wee have given encouragement to the Owners & ℔omand$^{rs}$, Officers & Seamen by an additionall ffreight & reward as you may see by our Order of the 14$^{th}$ of this instant, Copy whereof is herewith sent: And doe also send out some young Seamen to serve us in the Bay on the termes mentioned in a paper herewith with their names, whome you are to keep imployed in that River for attaining such sufficient knowledge in that navagation as may enable them to Pilot up any Ship, and when they shall bring up any of our ships bound from England, you may give to each of our Pilotts that shall be on board 20 rupees by way of gratuity, and if you can oblige any of them after the Expiration of the first terme to continue 3 or 5 yeers longer, you may agree for their wages the best you can, and as they shall deserve you may prefer them to y$^{e}$ Comand of our small vessells, and we shall have them in o$^{r}$ Eye for such other perferment as may offer; And if you can think of any better way to encourage them in this service advise us thereof, and you shall have our resolution thereon.

Ships goeing up River to hughly. encouragemt: to Ownrs: [Comandrs:] & young Seamen sent out.

20 Rups: gratuity to y$^{e}$ Pilots. Preferm$^{t}$: to be given

3. Wee note the feares you are in for want of a Phyrmand and have written our mindes at large overland concerning that affair. To which wee c̃anot add, and therefore refer to it, and desire you may procure it, and forasmuch as the Danes have received so much favour as to have ground given them and money towards their building, and the Nabobs Phirwanna to be free of Custome. and the Trade of the Dutch for that part decaying, and the disgust that is between the Dutch & them, wee think you may from thence raise very good Arguments to facilitate it, especially if the Nabob & his Ministers doe know the attempt intended to be made upon them by others.

Of ye Phyrmaund. ye: Danes. [ye]: Dutch.

4. Wee have ordered you to have alwaies a good Stock of Salt Petre both with you and at the ffort, and we would also have you get a considerable quantity of Turmerick alwaise by you, to prevent our loss by dead ffreight, which hath been very heavy upon us these two last yeers, and wee little expected that the ships now arrived should have wanted ladeing, considering that you had a Stock in the Countrey and time enough to have had Salt Petre in readines against their arrivall, which wee hope by yo$^{r}$ care and diligence you will prevent for the future, and make amends for the ill managem$^{t}$ of o$^{r}$ affaires for some yeers past.

a Stock of Saltpetre & Turmerick before hand

ill management.

49.: wt: Tonnage to be laden at ye Coast ye: Rest in ye: Bay. Overplus of goods to be sent to ye. Fort.

5. Our Agent at the Fort will advise you what Tunnage they can supply there & at Mesulapatam, The rest you are to provide for compleating what wee are engaged to lade, And if you have an Overplus of Salt Petre & Turmerick send it up to the ffort by these ships to lie there to serve on all occasions, and if you finde that notwithstanding all yo[r] endeavors you shall be belated in the dispatch of our Ships from the Bay, you may dispatch two of them so soon as you can possible for Mesulapatam and the ffort, by which they may send up all the goods from Mesulapatam, an[d] the o[ther] Ship you may detein for the remainder of her goods and send her directly for the Fort, Still with this caution that she may be so timely dispeeded from you as to arrive at the Fort to sail thence with the other two by the 10th of January, For being rich wee would have them keep Company from thence, and this we doe also to prevent yo[r] sending up fine goods by the Sloopes, which wee canot app[rove] of it being too hazardous & chargeable.

2 ships to be first dispatcht to goe to Metchlepa: 1 Ship to be kept & sent to ye: Fort Directly

of Mr: Vincents being acquited.

6: Wee note you have acquitted Mr Vincent from any guilt both as to Mr Halls charge & Raigo Podaurs death, wee at any time had rather finde our Servants innocent then guilty, but one passage in Mr Vincents proceedings wee cannot pass by without noteing it and that was, that dureing the time of the Tryall, he sent to Annuntram, warning him to be sure to speak the truth, which if he did he should have Imployment & livelihood, and if he did not, he should spoil himself and his livelihood, & all should be lost, which ℔sons concerned ought not to have done.

of his sending to Annuntram.

of sendng Mr. Master & Major Puckle.

7: Notwithstanding yo[r] opinion of the needles sending of Mr Masters, and Majr Puckle wee think the charge well bestowed, and if you observe the Rules given you by Mr Masters wee shall finde a g[ood] effect thereof, and if you fall into new disorders & factions, rat[her] then by their continuance our busines should be hindred as it hath been wee shall take the like or some more effectuall course to remedy it, but we hope better from you.

of Dyers & Throwters. 2: Dyers sent out.

8: Wee approve of the encouragement you have given to our Dyers & Weavers, and note yo[r]: desires for sending out a Throster & Throsting Mills, but doe not think fitt to doe it, but if among o[r] Soldiers at the Fort our Agent can finde any Throster he may send him down to you, but for the better dying of our Taffaties, wee this yeer send you two Dyers viz[t] Edward Wale and Richard Smith who with those already gone & Mr Naylor, who wee are glad is so well improved, wee hope will accomplish our desires in sending us home good blacks & coloured Silks, and wee send you some Galls & other dying Stuffs as you will finde by the Invoice.

& Dying stuff.

Death of Mr. Cole.

9: Wee are sorry for the death of Mr Cole, and fear that their own disorders have occasioned the loss of So many of this Sort of People, and therefore you must take care to prevent it.

of Silkes dyed.

10: The Patternes of Silk dyed sent home are good all but the Crimson which is too pale & not lively, the black Taffaties are somewhat better then formerly, but not yet perfect which you must endeavour for.

Loss by ye: Fire.

11: Our loss by the ffire is far more then wee expected, God in his good time repair it to us.

Those out of Service to be sent to ye Fort or to England. Tho: Pitt to be sent home. rather send Seamen out then encourage Runaways.

12: Wee confirme & expect that you put in Execution the Order for all those out of our service to repair to the ffort, and there to reside according to our Rules, And if any remaine there still you are to send them thither or home for England, for there is no reason to give them longer time, And for Thomas Pitts, we confirme our former order to have him sent home, for goeing out with an intent to stay in the Dountrey or running away from the Ship are courses wee canot approve, and will rather at any time on yo[r] desire send a Seaman from hence to you then by our Indulgence encourage such practices.

Cochineal to be sent to Surratt.

13: The Cocheneal if you canot sell it send it to Surrat or Bombay and if no conveyance offer thither then send it to Persia to be sent thence for Surratt, first deteining so much thereof as you shall want for our own occasions for Dying.

Lead, Beams, Scales Paper &ca Sent.

14: Wee send you this yeer a quantity of lead as ℔ Invoice also fower Beames and Scales, Paper & other necessaries for your Counting house.

makeing Presents.

15: In yo[r] presents be as frugall as you can, and make them as neer as may be in our own Domodities.

16: Wee doe think that Mr Clavells three horses are excessively overrated if that be the price that is mentioned in Mr Masters Diary, about which wee expect a further Accompt. Mr. Clavells 3 horses over rated.

17: Wee have considered Mr Clavells desire and doe order his Sallary to be 100ll ℔ annñ to comence from Mr: Masters arrivall in the Bay and have according to his desire advanced 100l to his Sister on accompt of his Sallary, and wee have also appointed 100l to be paid to Mr: Innis the Atturney of Mr: Mathias Vincent on accompt of his sallary. Mr. Clavells Sallery 100ll. ℔ ann & 100ll advanced thereupon. 100ll. pd: upon Mr. Vicents Sallery

18: Wee expect from you a further Accompt of the Dutch Trade both with you and for Japan & China, which Mr: Clavell saith he can give when he hath more time. a Further accott of ye Dutch trade

19: Wee observe yor proceedings with Mr Hall & Mr: Smith, and have given our Agent & Counsel at the Fort directions about them to which wee refer you, Send us their Accompts home. Mr Hall & Mr Smith. their accotts to be Sent.

20: A Catalogue of our Library wee shall expect and had you as you ought to have one alwaies ready, one of the young men would soon have Copied it out to be sent us. A Catalogue of ye Library.

21: Wee are very Sorry for the untimely death of Mr: Darley & others you advise us of, How much doth it concern us all to be prepared, when we are not Masters of the next moment; To supply his loss wee have entertained Mr Evans who comes on these ships at the Sallary of 50ll ℔ annñ and 50ll gratuity, and shall pray that his labours may be successfull amongst you. Mr. Darleys Death &ca. Mr. Evans entertain'd at 50ll Salary 50l gratuity.

22: The Taffaties we received this yeer are better sorted then formerly but yet there are too many light colours, wee recomend it to you to observe the directions given you, both as to their goodnes Colours and lengths and true package both of them and all other or: goods, for wee have been forced to make great abatements for want of lengths in our Taffaties and want of goods in our Bales as by the ℔ticulars herewith sent you, which wee have placed to the Accompt of those that embaled them, the discouragement hereby given to Buyers & the trouble it occasions us with the disparagement, is [more] then the loss, and it is but of late yeers that this hath been so g[reat] & therefore it must proceed from the neglect of our Servants wh[ome] you Imploy therein. of Sorting Taffatys. want of length & want in bale, a great loss, charges to ye accott of those that embaled them.

23: You are also to take care that in the marking the Salt Petre you make a plainer distinction between what is double refined & what is treble refined, for it being so mixed wee cañot finde the full quantity of the treble. ℔are to be taken in marking Salt petre.

24: Wee doe admire at the extravagant rate you agreed for freight of the Rice to St Helena, for every hundred weight of Beef there is worth 20s and therefore make an Agreement with them for the future not exceeding half freight. Freight for Rice to St Helena.

25: Wee finde you send but single Invoices of the goods you load on each ship so that should any ship miscarry wee shall want Invoices forr the future. Let Invoices of what you lade on all the Ships goe by each of them, as also a Letter by each. to send Invoyces & letters by every Ship.

26: The Scales wee designed to be locked up in the Box sent was that by which you take up money, wee now send you two Boxes more & three Scales, and should yor Smiths make new Keys as you say they can, It will concern those that are intrusted to prevent it Boxes & scales to be locked therein.

27: Wee have given full directions to our Agent & Councell at the ffort for Setling the Councel in the Bay and the Subordinate ffactories there with which wee order yor compliance, and that there be a better understandg between you and our Councel at the ffort then of late hath been. ordrs to ye Agent & Co for Settling ye Councels in ye Bay. a better understandg

28: Wee observe what you write of haveing a large Stock before hand in order to the provideing of quantities of Silk & other goods wee cañot resolve on that at ℔sent till our next Ships arrivall that wee experiment the advantage of the large of Stock beforehand.

Stock that was left when these Ships came away, and that you are upon more certain Termes with the Nabob of whome you were in so much fear that wee have no reason to adventure much within their power.

of Setling New Factories one at Maulda.

29: As to the Setling of any new ffactories, If you doe finde it for our advantage to settle one at Maulda, wee refer that to you according to such further direction as you shall receive from the Agent & Councel at the Fort; But hereof you are well to consider whither the Trade will answer the charge, and whither our busines may not as effectually be done by sending some ℔sons at the proper Season to make our Investments without being at the charge of maintaining them there all the year, for by experience we finde that y^e^ multiplying of ffactories doth augment o^r^ charge, divide our Stock and cause many Debts, and therefore where our busines is but small, wee conceive it may be managed by makeing Contracts with some of the Natives, or by Imploying some of the natives in whome you can confide, at less charge then by setling of ffactories. and if you see it convenient, you may at proper Seasons send some of our own Servants to make an Inspection into the management of affaires there both for yo^r^ & our better information; But that which inclines us ℔ticularly to Settle a ffactory at Maulda is that wee finde the goods of which you sent us Musters are very well liked of here, and therefore wee have Ordered a large quantity thereof to be provided, to which end, wee order that you Invest there of the Stock wee now send you in the goods wee write for to the value of Eighty or One hundred thousand Rupees, except you have other Order from our Agent & Councell at the Fort.

[makeing] Contracts w^th^ y^e^ Natives &c^a^:

[*a few words lost*]

[send ser] vants to inspect.

Invest 80 or Rups. 100000 at Maulda.

of Decca goods.

30: Wee have often written to you for a quantity of [*a few words lost*] goods but hitherto have had but few, those sorts being [kept for to accomodate] private Traders who have brought home quantities this & the last yeer. Though wee are at very great charge in maintaining that ffactory and it is better for us to have none there then that it should be continued as it is now, which wee impute to the negligence or Connivance of the Cheif & others of our ℒouncell & ffactors, and wee have reason to beleeve M^r^ Bugden was very Instrumentall in carrying on this Trade and therefore wee order that he be not ℔mitted to goe to Ballasore, dureing o^r^ Ships being there, and would have you strictly to examine such as you think fitt to finde out who have had a hand in this negotiation, and give us an Accompt thereof and if M^r^ Bugden doe not desist for the future wee shall give other Orders about him. But being well satisfied that you may make larger Investments there then hitherto you have done, wee doe order that you send thither to the value of Eighty or One hundred thousand [Rupees] to be Invested there in such goods as wee now order, except you have other directions from our Agent & Councell at the Fort, And when you finde it convenient to settle any other new ffactories, let us know the reasons induceing you to it with the Trade that may be there driven, and the charges wee may be at, which when wee shall receive with our Agent &c Opinion thereupon wee shall [give] our further order therein.

complaint of Mr: Bugden.

not to goe to Ballasore.

80: or 100000 Rups: to be Invested at Decca.

Bills of Exc^e^: paid.

to draw more

31: All the Bills of Exchange you have hitherto drawn [*a word or two lost*] have been paid except the last which hath not been yet presented which shall also have due honour, and if any more money present, you may draw on us to the value of One hundred thousand Rupees at the former Rates.

of its being publike.

Noe relyance therupon

how to Invest it.

32: They cañot blame us if it be knowne elsewhere that they deliver money, for wee observe the Bills come with many endorsem^ts^ and it is from thence & not us, that it becomes so publick; But on this you may ℔ceive wee doe not rely by the great Stock wee send you out, So that if you can take up any moneys [you may] invest it in raw Silk and ffloretta yarne if it can be [or] such other goods as the place affords where the money is delivered that are proper for England to be sent home by these Ships if it may be.

disallow of Bartering to buy & sell for mony.

33. Wee observe the reason you give for the dearnes of the Cloth, wee complained of and doe wholy dislike that way of Barter and therefore wee recomend to you to sell our goods for money [*a word lost*] that so you may buy all with money that we may have o^r^ goods at the cheapest Rates.

34. Wee expect to know the effect of y^e^ experim^t^: of y^e^ woald seed As to the business of Desoito, wee approve of what you have done therein although it hath been very chargeable, and doe recomend to you to put an issue to all those old pretences the best you can and hope that by yo^r^ prudent management wee shall hear no further of it. Woald seed. [*a few words lost.*]

35. Wee observe that you took up severall Sums of money after the arrivall of our Ships, and that you deemed it necessary that wee ℔mitt you to doe so for the future, wee desire what may be to avoid paying Interest, which is so high in that Countrey, but when you see there is an absolute necessity for it for a little time till our own Stock can be coined, wee leave it unto you to doe what may be requisite therein. takeing up mony at Interest. allowed[untill y^e^: Stock be Coyned.]

36: Wee shall be glad that Tho: Nerrison y^e^ Pilot answer yo Expectacon. The two Spotted Deere died before they came on shore one of them in the River here, procure some more ffemales to be sent by these ships for his Ma^tie^. Tho: Nevin son [*Sic*] a Pilot. To make Spoted Deer to be sent.

37: The rareties you write for, for Presents are delivered to the Captaines with order to Stow them, so that they may receive no prejudice by heat in the hold. Rarities for Presents.

38: ffail not yeerly to send us a List of all goods that remaine and of English liveing & dead. Lists of Goods & English.

39: Wee doe approve of the keeping a distinct Accompt of Ballasore, not mixing it with that of Hughly, but would have our Cheif & ℒouncell remaine at Hughly, and at the time of our Ships being in the Bay, you may send one or more of our ℒouncell, and whome els you think fit thither to assist those that shall be there, but wee doe not apprehend it necessary to have a formall setled ℒouncell at Ballasore all the yeer, which will but augment our charge, but about this you will have further directions from o^r^ Agent & Councell at the Fort. Ballasore accott distinct Chief & Cl to remaine at Hugly. not necessary for a formall sett Councell at Ballasore.

40: The Anchors are very little over rated, if wee add but their ffreight to their cost, wee leave their Sale to you. Anchors over-rated.

41: Wee approve of yo^r^: renting Dummadapore for o^r^: Accompt, but let us know, whither those that have houses there ought not to pay us rent, and whither you cañot raise somewhat on them towards that charge. Renting Damadapore.

42: Wee finde by yo^r^ Consultation Book that you allowed Valentine Nurse 20 Rupees a month for Dyet, 7 rup^s^ for hous rent two for a ℒook one for Beetle and two for a Porter, which is a most extravagant rate, which wee shall not allow either to him or any other, If he be reclaimed you may continue him at 10$\tilde{l}$ ℔ annum Sallary, and give him lodging in the house, and diet at our Table, but if he continue disorderly let him be sent home. Valentine Nurse his allowances disaproved. [Order about him.]

43: Wee note that Peter ffarrell & Daniel Singer two debauged Persons and not in our Service were continued in our house, at which wee much admire, & that you did not send them home or at least to the ffort, for you had no reason to give that accomodation to any out of our Imployment, when our own wanted it, much less to such as they. Peter ffarrell & Dan: Singer.

44: Wee this yeer send to the Coast and Bay the following Ships viz^t^ the Williamson 600 tuns and the Nathaniel & the Society each 570 tunns, By which wee have Order[ed] o[ur Agent & Cou]ncell at the ffort to send you to the value of [one hundred] thousand Pounds in Bullion, and about ten thousand Pounds in goods, and you are to returne us by them the following goods advised for by our Letter of the 7^th^ of Septembr last (viz^t^) Ships sent out. 100000 $\tilde{l}$: in Bullion to be sent to ye: Bay & about 10000 $\tilde{l}$: in goods.

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| Colour^d^ Ginghams | 10000 | peeces. |
| Cossaes | 10000 | |
| Mullmulls | 4000 | |
| Silk Romalls | 15000 | |
| Nillaes | 10000 | |
| ffine Humhums of Decca but no course ones | 1000 | |

Goods to be laden upon these ships For England.

Taffaties of w^ch^ one half Cloth ℳolours 35000 [according] to our last directions & patternes, but the raw [*a word or two lost*] [Taffaties] send they must be thicker, and of more Substance then the last els they are not vendible & 2000 p̃s of Glossy black Taffaties.

Raw Silk head and belly such as formerly sent 600 bales.
And of Ordinary Raw Silk 200 bales
such as came by the ffalcon D N°. 4 which cost 2 Rup^s^ 12 ann̄ ⅜ ℔ Seer.

Salt Petre ... ... ... ... ... ... 1000 tuns.
floretta yarne ... ... ... ... ... 100 bales.
Turmerick ... ... ... ... ... ... 50 tuns
or if there be want of ladeing, to make it up 100 tuns.
Sticklack of the best & blackest 50 tuns.
And also 100 tuns more to be brought up to the Fort and to be lodged there— 100 ts.

Sannoes of 16 yards long such as came ℔ Eagle & Johañah of Mohumpore Herampore & Sura. } 10000 peeces if they can be bought Cheaper by 10 ℔ ℳent then those now brought home.

unto which you are to add the following goods according to the musters you sent us by those ships of which wee return you one of each sort viz^t^

| | | rup | ann | |
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| N° 1 | 250 peeces[ of ... lomdenny] Invoyced at | 2 | 3 | These peeces to be of variety of lively & pleasant colours, but not [less] than 40 peeces of one Stripe & colour in all sorts now writt for & every peece to be 15 yards long & 1 yard broad. |
| | 250 ps d° | 2 | 6 | |
| 2 | 250 ps Soosey | 2 | 4 | |
| 3 | 200 Soosey arraungly | 2 | 10 | |
| 4 | 100 Elatches | 3 | 6 | |
| 5 | 500 Ditto | 3 | | |
| 6 | 200 Ditto | 2 | | |
| 7 | 1000 Mundells | 6 | 8 | These peeces to be 36 cebits, each close strooke & the Stripes to be made y^e^ long way of y^e^ peece. |
| 8 | 1000 Elatches for quilte | 3 | 4 | |
| 9 | 2000 Addethaies | 2 | 9 | To be made 15 yards long. |
| 10. | 500 Ditto | 3 | 5½ | |
| 11. | 500 Sucker Chimme | 2 | 9 | To be 15 yards long & y^e^ ground ℔ feet white. |

Send us 100 peeces of Severall sorts & Severall Color^s^ some striped w^th^ gold and some w^th^ Silver & some w^th^ gold & silver small stripes intermixt amongst the colours. And for this time take what lengths you can gett. But for the future, let them be made of the lengths above menconed.

| | RS. | AS. |
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| Of Decca Goods such as were recd by the Eagle m̃ked C. M. | | |
| 500 fine thinne Cossaes Invoyced at ... ... ... | 14 | 8 |
| 500 fine Mulmuls ... ... ... ... ... ... | 13 | |
| 500 Shasshes ... ... .. .. .. ... | 7 | |

Of Ballasore goods, such as ye Musters ℔ ffalcon m̃ked S. B.

| | RUPEES. | |
|---|---|---|
| 1000 Seerobands invoyced at ... ... ... ... | 3 | |
| 1000 Errengee ... .. ... ... ... .. | 7 | to be made yard wide. |

And those ships being dispatched you are to goe on in makeing provision of the like quantity for the next yeare.

45. Wee now send you a greater quantitie of Gould than formerly. You must take care that it be coyned to our best advantage & are informed, that at Decca, it produces ten ℔ Cent more than els where. Gold more sent then usuall.

46. As to the 26 Gunns ℔cell of 66 that went out on the Johanna & Loyall Subject w^ch^ you say are broken & hony comb'd. Wee have examined that busines and finde that none of them were broken or hony comb'd, being all searched here by ℔sons of knowne abilitie & therefore doubt wee have had some abuse put upon us, either by the Comanders, or some ℔sons on shore, by changeing ours that were good for such as you mencon And therefore we wold have you strictly to examine this business & give us an accompt how many of the said Gunns are broken & how many hony comb^d^, Out of what ships they came with the weight of each ℔ticuler Gunn & let the Cammand^rs^ of these ships, assist you in the viewing the said Gunns & endeavour to dispose of them the best you can either in barter or otherwise, for by degrees you may doubtles meet with some opportunity of putting them off Order about 26 : Iron guns[ . . ]

47. Wee haveing soe great a [desire to have a ship] goe up the Ganges and findeing the ffalcon a fitt ship to make [that Experim^t^] and Capt^n^ John Stafford y^e^ Comand^r^ willing to undertake it. Wee have ordered her to goe directly to you with a stock of 37625^£^ : 6^s^ : 3^d^ : in bullion 3021^£^ : 1^s^ : 8^d^ : — in Goods w^th^out stopping at the ffort or Mesulapatam and god granting him to arrive safe at Ballasore you are to accomodate him w^th^ so many of our Pilots and boate as shal be there, and as he shall desire, to carry him up the River, as high as hughly if conveniently she can or at least as far as Channock And wee leave it to you, on consultacon to land all or ℔^t^ of our treasure at Ballasore, according as you may apprehend the hazard. The other three ships will stop at the ffort and Mesulapat^m^ : and from thence be dispeeded unto you, with advice what tonnage they can make up. Ship Falcon sent to goe up ye River Hughly or Channocke. About taking out ye : Treasure.

48. On these 4 ships wee are obliged to lade the tonnage following viz^t^ : Tunnage to be laden on 4 : ships by ye : Compa ; 2003 tons.

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| On the Williamson let for | 600^ts^ | y^e^ 5 ℔ Cent deducted | ... | 570^ts^ |
| On the Nathaniell let for | 570 | ... | ... | ... | ... | 541 |
| On the Society lett for | 570 | ... | ... | ... | ... | 541 |
| On the ffalcon let for | 370 | ... | ... | ... | ... | 351 |

if the said ships can take so much in. And wee doe earnestly recomend to you, to take care to provide all the goods wee have ordered And what shal be wanting to compleat our Tonnage, to make up in Salt petre, Turmerick and Sticklack, and if yet you want ladeing to send us 50 or 100 bales of Cotton yarne single and true reeled. How to compleat ye : said tunnage.

49 : And in regard wee apprehend that all our ships, being at one time w^th^ : you, Sellers may stand on their terms & gruff goods may not be procured soe reasonably as at other times, Or that by a little longer time, attending, more Goods may come downe : Rather then these ships should not have their full ladeing. you may lade all the Callicoes, Silkes and Silke on the other three ships & give them a speedie dispatch to the ffort, as before wee have ordered. And if you judge you may in any reasonable time procure Saltpetre Turmerick & Sticklack to lade the ffalcon after they are gone ; with such fine Goods as they may have left behinde. you may detaine her with you Still takeing care, that if possibly you can to dispeed her soe, as she may be at the [ffort along with the] rest of our ships thence by the 10^th^ of January. But if you cannot accomplish her ladeing in that time. Then you may detaine her longer, if you have any hopes fully to lade her, or neere it, and dispatch [her] directly for England, without stopping at Mesulapatam or the ffort and [t]ake care t[hat] she may be dispatched in such time, as to gaine her passage [*a few words lost*]. But if possible to be done, we would have her dispeeded to goe in Company with the rest from the ffort, although amongst them all they should want two hundred tonns of what wee are to lade. How to lade and dispatch ye : ships. To sent ye : 3 ships away wth : Fine goods. & to detaine ye ; Falcon. & dispatch her for England directly. but rather all to goe together to ye : Fort tho 200 Tons short of lading.

50. On the ffalcon wee send you the 10 Seamen and Dyers menconed in a former paragraph. Seamen & Dyers sent.

51 : Herewith wee send you a Paper from our Accomptant Generall for yo : direction which you are to order and see that it be accordingly observed. Accomptant grails Paper.

1 fardel Tannah Silke wanting by y$^{e}$: Surratt Marchant to be inquired after.

52: There is found wanting of what is mentioned in y$^{e}$ Invoice of the Surrat Merchant 1 fardel of Tannah silk N$^{o}$ B said to contain 27½ Seer at 4 rup$^{s}$ 4 ann ⅜ ℔ seer, w$^{ch}$: the Dap$^{n}$ of the ship affirmes was left behind & not taken in & therefore we would have you enquire into y$^{e}$ same, & give us an Accompt thereof by the next, that so if it be found with you he may be discharged of it here; soe comitting you & o$^{r}$ affaires to the guidance & protection of y$^{e}$ Almighty, wee remaine.

Your loveing friends

WILL. THOMSON. GOV$^{R}$:

BERKELEY

SAM. BARNARDISTON. J$^{A}$. EDWARDS DEP$^{TY}$ GOV$^{R}$:

JN$^{O}$: LAWRENCE.

JOHN MOORE. JOHN BANKS.

DANIELL SHELDON

THO: CANHAM THO: PAPILLON

ARTH INGRAM.

JN$^{O}$: DOGETT. CHRIS BOONE.

JOHN MORDENS.

JOHN JOLLIFE. MATH. ANDREWES.

EDWARD RUDGE. SAM: MOYER. JOS$^{A}$ CHILD.

JEREMY SAMBROOKE.

JOHN BATHURST. NATHANIELL HERNE.

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## COMPANIES GENERALL TO FORT S$^{T}$. GEORGE, 12$^{TH}$ DECEMB$^{R}$ 1677; ℔ SHIP WILLIAMSON.

RECD IN FORT S$^{T}$. GEORGE JUNE 23$^{D}$ 1678

N$^{O}$. 1.

OUR AGENT AND COUNCELL AT FORT S$^{T}$: GEORGE.

London the 12$^{th}$ December 1677

Letters sent.

1: Wee wrote you at large by our last yeares shipping of the 15$^{th}$: of December 10$^{th}$ and 17$^{th}$ of January and 7$^{th}$ of March 1676 and since [*a few words lost*] dated the 7$^{th}$ of September. Copie whereof wee herewith send you, and shall now fully answer your ~lres dated from the 23$^{th}$ of July to the 28$^{th}$ December and 20$^{th}$ & 27$^{th}$ of January last receaved by our ships Eagle Johanna Falcon & Surratt Merchant, w$^{ch}$ it pleased God to arrive with us in safetie, The three first in August, the last in September, She not saileing soe well as they: It pleased God also, that all our ships from Surrat and Bantam arrived safely with us, except the Mary, whom the Surrat Merchant mett on the other side the Cape, intending for Johanna her broad being Spoiled, by a leake in her bread roome, whom wee pray God in due time to send in safetie to us.

Letters Recd Ships arived.

y$^{e}$: Mary not arived.

Reprimand for y$^{e}$: [Stile of y$^{e}$: letter.

2: Wee can not but note and resent the great libertie taken by you in many unhandsome & disrespectfull passages in your Letter, towards Us, and indeed, the whole runns in such a Strayne as ill becomes you to write, and wee had thought that though Our Agents passion did incite him to such indecent language, yet that the rest of our Councell, would not have been guiltie of the same, but to have signed it with an Exception, and would have you knowe, that wee shall not beare such lines for the future. But if those wee ymploy comport not themselves as becomes them towards us, wee shall entertaine such as will knowe their [duty better]; and were wee not confident that Our new Agent would reforme this, wee should now make some of you Examples. Wee shall alwaies be willing to receive advic from our Servants when it is offered in such manner becomes both us and them. But expostulacons, & Criminacons and reproaches are not to be borne with, especially, when our designes tend to their advantage, as well as Ours; and this shall serve for answer to all the Paragraphs of your Letter of this kinde.

[3: Wee] note the reasons you give for not haveing procured satisfaccon for the five boats. Wee still recommend that affaire ffor such a precedent [will be] a great Securitie, on like occasions for the future.

4: Wee observe the difficulties you have mett with, by the Obstruccons given by Podala Lingapa: & are verie glad that a period is putt to that trouble. Our busines is trade, not warr, and therefore wee recommend it to you, to use all meanes possible for preserveing of Peace and yet to be carefull to be in a condition to defend Our Fort To which end wee now send you the arms & Armour you have desired: and for the better makeing Good your Fortificacons both against an Enemy [and] the Sea. Wee have appointed these ships to take in what quantitie of Stones they can at Johanna, where they may be had cheape, and question not but the Comanders of our ships and others you have with you, will contrive the carrying on of that worke to make it answer our end, without sending an Engineer from hence. Those sorts of men being alwaies found very expensive.

of troubles at ye: Fort
Trade not Warr.
yet to defend ourselves
Arms sent out.
Stones from Johanna.

5: Wee have receaved no Catalogue of our Librarie, neither from you [Metchlepatm] nor the Bay, which faile not to send us by the Returne of these ships.

Noe Catalogue of Library.

6: Wee observe that at Mesulapatam and the Bay. They have put us to great charges in building for the accomodation chiefly of our married Servants and that the unmarried men lodge without the Factory: We require therefore, that noe more buildings be erected but what is absolutely necessarie, and that our Agent, Cheife and those of our Councells, Chaplaines, Merchants, factors and writers, that [all Single ℔sons] be all lodged within our factory, and dieted at the Publique table, and for the married ℔sons, If there be not roome they are to provide lodgeing and diet for themselves and families, ffor which you are to allowe at the ffort & Mesulapatm Six pagothes ℔ month for those of the Councell and five, for all others. And at the Bay: 25 rupees for those of the Councell and 20 rupees for the rest. And this is to be understood, to be in lieu of all charges for diet, house roome servants &c. And to the end our busines may be more conveniently carried on, Wee would have you provide an Office for the Accomptant, and another for the Secretarie, within our factories, where our Councell and our other Servants may be ymployed & all our bookes & papers orderly kept & that none be carried out to any private house or lodging, but that all busines may be dispatched there.

96: Charges of building at Metchlepatm: & ye: Bay.
Single Persons to lodge & diett in ye Factorys. ye: Marryed without the allowances for Such.
offices to be provided for ye: Accomptt: & Secretary.

7: Notwithstanding the small hopes you give us for encreaseing the [Vent] of our woollen manufactures: wee still recommend to you to use your best [endea]vours [to] promote it. The better to effect which, wee send you out very little this yeare and doe hope that by this intermission what is in the Country wil be putt off; and that you will give us new Encouragement therein.

Woollen Manufactures none sent, yt. they may grow in esteem

8: As to Mr: Jearsey, wee would have you state his accompt there: & give him a Charge, and let him make his answer thereunto, in writeing with his reasons and proofes unto us and agree upon as many of the perticulers thereof as are just betweene Us and him: and wherein you differ, let us have advice, & send us ye accompt and transaccons thereupon with your opinion, by the first ships and wee shall then give you our resolutions touching him. In the meane time, if hee demeane himself peaceably, and noe way obstruct our affaires; he may remaine in the Country till our further order.

Mr: [Jearsey] accott: to be stated.

9: As to the excuse John Davis makes for himself wee can not [allow it for] he can not be ignorant that by his Covenants he is not to [trade in Callicoes] and therefore we shall continue that charge on his accompt

John Davis excuse not allowed.

10: Benjamin Broomer is the onely person that is returned of those wee sent for, and wee again confirme our Order for the sending home Tho. Lucas John Jerzey Phillip Noden & Thom: Pitts and one Geo Pittmen a Seaman belonging to the Lancaster for though wee may allow such as goe out as Soldiers when they have Served their time faithfully upon their desire to remaine as ffreemen in the Country if they re[side at] the ffort and conforme to our rules, yet wee shall not ℔mitt any that goe out under the pretence of Soldiers, and doe not serve in that qu[a]lity [for] their whole time, nor any others that goe out clandestinely without or against our

47: 13: Persons to be sent home.
the Reasons.

consent or that run away and desert their Ships, and all thes as we are informed are under some of these [said] qualifications. And as to the Plea that is made for some of them that 100 ℔ hath been paid. That is by virtue of a Covenant betwixt us and the Owners for leaving any in y^e^ : Country and no condition that they shall stay there on such termes.

ye: 100 ℔ paid for men left in [*a word lost*]

a great trade by Jn^o^ Carpenter. orders to send him home.

11: Wee observe both from you and from Bantam a great Trade driven by John Carpenter who went out Purser in the Experiment, for whome wee had that kindenes as to order him to be entertained in our Service at Bantam but he slighted our Imployment, and therefore wee have given directions to Bantam upon his comeing thither to send him home, and the like wee require of you, when he arrives within our Agency.

73: List of Gold & Silver & goods to & from y^e^ : Bay. to be done yearly. Muster & Surveing y^e^ : Ships to be done by one of y^e^ : Councell. Dixon abused that trust.

12: We did order you to send us a List of all Gold and Silver that was sent by our ships and of all goods carried to and from the Coast and Bay, but wee have received none, wee therefore again require that this be yeerly done and that you observe our former orders in the mustering of the men and Survey of our Ships in case of want of Tunnage and that they be made by some of the Councell as wee have directed, for wee finde that Dixon hath abused the trust you reposed in him, and gave the Capt^t^ of the Success a Certificat with a blanck for him to fill up what was wanting which wee would have examined, and if you finde him guilty of this or the like unfaithfullnes that you imploy him no more, and to take care that the Certificates be made in words at length and not in figures.

47: 10: Deserters to be sent home.

13: Wee doe not finde any of the Lancasters men or others that deserted our ships sent home, and therefore must needs think you have been remiss in the execution of that order, and wee apprehend^e^: that if it were Strictly executed it would prevent the like practice wee doe require you effectually to prosecute it; for it is a weakening of the Ships so to desert them, especially when (as sometimes) there happens a mortallity amongst them.

Mr. Arnold Dismist of y^e^: Councell.

14: Wee are sorry that M^r^ Arnold hath So abused our kindenes to him as to deserve the Character you give him, but in hopes he may be reclaimed, wee are not willing to putt him out of our Imployment at present, but doe dismiss him from being of Councell and order him to serve as a Senior Merchant at y^e^ Fort or Metchlepatam, in such busines as you shall finde him most capable of, but not to be of Councell, and doe continue him at his present Sallary, and if he shall not be reclaimed, wee shall resolve to have him home, and therefore give us an Accompt of him; And wee must blame you for not giveing us a more perfect Accompt of him, but onely by way of Interrogatory.

a list of all English.

15: Continue to send us yeerly a List of all English that are in or out of our Service.

a Register of Trade.

16: Wee note the great reluctancy you have of keeping a Register of the Trade according to our Orders, but are not at all Satisfied with the reasons you give and doe apprehend that some of yo^r^selves more then all the rest are averse to it, least we (not others) should know it, but this is no novell thing for here all Entries in and out are duely printed & dispersed, and wee are confident you must needs know all that passes, and therefore the sending a Register thereof to us will not make the designes more publick on the place, so that wee finde cause to continue this Order and require its execution, which may be a meanes to Invite us to inlarge o^r^ : Trade which you Say wee confine to too narrow a Compass.

Rules for y^e^: Warehouse confirmed.

17: Wee apprehend no inconvenience in the Rules made for y^e^: Warehouse for they doe not require our Agent & all our Councell & Servants to be present at the Sorting of Cloth, but that some of the Councell to be alwaies present, and as many of our other servants as can be spared from other busines, and therefore wee confirme them.

Canvas, Tar &c^a^ : sent.

18: Wee doe by these ships send you a quantity of Canvas and Tarr, and all other the Stores you write for.

19: In the 55th: paragraph of yor: Letter you tell us that you note our order for registring all Diamonds that come to yor: notice. It seems you are very secure that wee should have no notice of the great ℔cells laden by Sr Will: Langhorne & Mr Herrys on the Eagle & Johannah, consigned to Sr Goddard Nelthrope Will: Herrys Arnold Brown Tho: Gray Saml: Saporta, obligeing the Masters to deliver them to those Gentlemen without discovering them to the ℐompany, in which they were very punctuall; but Sr Will Langhorne forgott his Oath and Mr: Herrys his promises he made upon his former miscarriages, never to offend again on account of private Trade, and wee must blame Mr Masters that all that he sent home was out of register & 120: oz of Gold by the Eagle and 100 oz of Gold more & 1000 ps $\frac{8}{8}$ by the Johañah consigned him were not in our List of what was permitted nor answered us our [due] and of which he gave us no notice.

Registering Dymonds.

wt: sent privately by Sr: W. Langhorn & Mr: Herrys.

S. Master blamed for not Registering.

20: Wee note what passed between you and the Merchants in yor contracting for the Cloth, wee did and doe hold it inconvenient to anticipate moneys if to be avoided, and the low price of Callicoes here made us urge you to the bringing down the price without impairing the goodnes there, and wee still recoñend both those points to you, but if you cañot obtain all wee desire, wee must be content with what you can, and in case of anticipation wee hope you will have good security for the repayment of the money if they comply not in delivery of the goods.

of contracting for Callicoes & anticipating moneys.

21: As to Cassa Verona's demand of the 9000 Pago: wee doe more wonder at yor insisting upon it considering the full answer wee gave to it the 8th: January 1674 Copy of which wee now send you & thereunto refer. The 10 ℔ ℐent abatement of the ordinary prices on ye: goods you bought with our remaining Stock is neither Suitable to or expectacon nor to what you have so oftentimes pretended of makeing great advantage in having a Stock before hand, nor proporconable to ye advance and coñon Interest of the ℐountrey, Wee expect greater advantages on the great Stock left last yeer.

of Cassa Verona's demand of 9000 Pagas: 10 ℔ ℐt abatemt: on Callices, not wt: expected &ca:

22: Wee have well considered what you write about our trade to Bantam, but in regard wee are entred upon a Trade to the Eastward wee must continue it to supply those ffactories with proper Cargoes and if you doe take care to supply them with good goods suitable to their advices and well bought in, wee may reasonably hope for an encourageing profitt as well as yor: Selves and Verona and others that are so large in it, and wee cañot imagine that you would engage in Such a Trade so contrary to yor Covenants without a profitt suteable to the hazard; and that this Trade may be made as beneficiall as it can to us, wee require it be kept to our Selves, and for the pretence you make for Verona's Trade there, to putt of the goods you refuse. You may take them of him with abatements proporconable to their defects and send them for England or Bantam where you judge they may turn best to Accompt, and doe enjoine you to give no passes to any Ships that drive that Trade, nor must they expect to be free of Custome, at Bantam by virtue of our Contract, for wee have given our Agent there order to make all pay it.

of trade to Bantam.

to be kept to themselves.

to give noe Passes thithr: all to pay Custome there.

23: The order wee gave for having the ℔sons imployed in the Choultrey Mint and Boats obliged both by Covenant and Oath for their fidelity. wee confirme as to English and other Christians who wee require shall have the princip: charge therein, And if any natives be imployed they must be but under their direction and at their coñand, And those wee would also have obliged by Covenant though not by Oath.

Persons in ye: Choultry Mint & Boates to be under Covent: & Oath.

24: The pretence you make of his Mats waveing of Oathes in the point of his Customes is upon misinformation for they are all continued in practice.

Cus[tomes]: Oaths.

25: ffrom our Auditor you will have a reply to yor: very free, though not plain answer to his charge and exceptions, and you must know he sends none but what are first considered of by a Coñittee, and reported to the Court, But were it his own Act, wee never heard it unlawfull to make doubts and exceptions of what appeares not fair and clear, and wee had much rather you had bestowed that time in giving a direct and satisfactory answer, then in those tart reflections and insignificant replies, And for the future wee require to have such [forborne] and to give such answers as the matter requires in plain & becomeing language, But wee doe not wonder that you so handle him, when you spare not our Selves.

Ye: Auditors Reply to ye: answear to his Charge & Exceptions.

Misdemeanor [ . . . . ] Disobedience.

26 : That you will observe our orders in case of unfaithfullnes or misdemeanour of any of our Servants is well and you are to understand that by misdemeanour wee doe not mean onely Debaucheries, but if any of our Servants shall disobey the orders of their Superiours in referrence to our Service or refuse to doe any thing that shall be enjoined them, wee esteem that to be one, ffor we would have you let them all know that all our Servants must be at the disposall of our Agent & Councell or Chiefs & Councells in all our ffactories, and to act in any ℔t of our busines as they shall be appointed, and if any shall refuse to doe what is so ordered or give [bad] language to their superiours, They come within the Compass of our former Order and must be dealt withall accordingly.

Refuse to doe as Ordered Bad Language.

Ye: Revenue of ye: Towne.

Ye: houses how built & at wt: Rent &ca:

27 : Wee have well considered what is written about raising a Revenue in the Town and shall expect a further accompt thereof, by the returne of these Ships, and when you have more fully debated it, wee would have you send us the true State of that affair and make a Survey of all the houses built by the English Portugall or Blacks or others and examine on what termes they were built and give an accompt of their foundation and what rent they pay, ffor by the accompt wee have of it in Mr: Puckles Diary, wee see no reason why ye: English should pay rent in the Portugall Towne and those pay none in ours nor why if we receive noe Rent, wee should not at least have an acknowledgment of our Right and Covenants from them as to repaires.

Bibles & Catechismes now sent to be distributed. 2 Rups: to such as can Repeat ye: Catechismes.

28 : The List of Bibles and Catachismes that you say were sent wee finde not, however wee now send you a supply of 100 bibles & 200 of ℒatechismes, which wee would have you dispose off there, and at our Subordinate ffactories to such as you think will make the best use of them, and when any shall be able to repeat the Catachismes by heart, you may give to each of them two rupees for their encouragement.

iii of ye: Mint to be free to Coyne all. of Coyng: Rupees & Pice.

29 : Wee are very glad that our Pagothes gain repute in the Countrey and therefore for the encouragement of our Mint, wee doe for the present revoke that order of Coining none, but what goes registred [from] hence but would have our Mint free to coine all, and expect you raise a moderate profitt to us thereby, and since you conceive it So advantageous to have liberty to Coine Rupees & pice &c., give us an Accompt what quantity may be Yeerly coined, and the advantage that may accrue to us thereon, and what the procureing a Licence may cost, and you shall have our directions therein.

Dead mens [estates] & outcrys.

30 : As touching Dead mens Estates wee recomend it to you to take due care therein, but wee observe that when their goods are sold by Outcry they are delivered on Trust, and oft times not paid for, and therefore wee doe Order that none of them be sold but at their full value nor delivered without ready money, and that the 5 ℔ ℒent be taken onely upon the nett proceed that shall be brought to our Cash.

[of Damage by Dead Freights.] a Quantity of Salt peter to ly ready at ye: Fort & Bay. of sending a Ship to Bantam. in want of 200 Tons of ye: goods enordered. yrs: a Standing Order. Quere, What is meant by a Standing Order? of long continuance? but these 3: ships to be return'd home. & to keep Company.

31 : To obviate the great damage wee may receive by dead ffreight and Demoorage, wee did and doe now Order that you constantly have in a readines at the ffort and in the Bay a considerable quantity of Salt Petre, and doe further Order, that on arrivall of our Ships yeerly, you compute, what you can Supply at the Fort and Mesulapatam, and advise the same to the Bay, And if they at the Bay cañot compleat the Tunnage in Charter ℔ty in the goods enordered let them Ballast one with Salt Petre, and send her directly from the Bay to Bantam, where wee have given a Standing Order to lade such Ships as you shall send them for our Accompts, and you need not send any money with them, But you are to understand this Order of sending a ship to Bantam is onely in case of a great want of Tunnage, and not to be executed if you can supply them within 200 Tuns in the goods Ordered, or that you can make it up to that proportion in Turmerick or Sticklack or Salt Petre, and this is to remaine as a Standing Order for the future ; But for this yeer though wee doe not question but they will be fully laden in the goods Ordered, or with the help of Turmerick, Sticklack or Salt Petre, Yet upon consideration of the great Estate wee hope to have returned upon these Ships, and the uncertainty of ye times (our neighbors round about us being in Warr) wee doe order that these three ships be all returned us home though you should not be able to lade them within the compass above mentioned, and let them keep ℒompany (if dispatched so timely from the ff[ort that] they may not endanger their Comeing about the ℒape) both to and from

S$^{t}$: Helena, and at S$^{t}$: Hellena let them associate with such of our Ships as may arrive dureing their Stay there, and put themselves into a Squadron according to the Seniority of the Comanders that shall meet there.

32: As to the other ꝑticulars mentioned in yo$^{r}$: 121$^{th}$ paragraph for which you say you had not free orders or full directions, wee [doe] not finde that ever you were limitted in the sale of Europe goods which wee still leave to you, and for the other Points, if you cañot procure the goods ordered at one ffactory whither you may supply them at another, wee say, that if you finde it convenient for our affaires to Supply our Subordinate ffactories with a [greater] proportion of Treasure, then wee doe order for [*a word or two lost*] of such goods that are not procureable with you, wee leave that to yo$^{r}$: discretion, and in generall doe give you liberty to take such courses for fully compleating of our enordered Investments in yo$^{r}$ Agency, either at one or other place as you shall judge most effectually conduceing thereunto, but doe not [intend hereafter that] you should lessen the Stocks wee design for [Metchlepatam & y$^{e}$] [*a few words lost*] except you foresee by some accidents that may have faln out (of which wee have no Accompt) that o$^{r}$: Stocks cañot be invested there.

of Free Orders & full Directions. not limited in y$^{e}$: Sale of Europe goods. & liberty to procure y$^{e}$: goods enordered in one or other place. but not to lessen y$^{e}$: Stocks to Metchlep$^{a}$: & y$^{e}$: Bay &c$^{a}$:

33: Wee join with you in Opinion That in case of any Murders [comitted]. It is best to try the offenders upon the place, and therefore wee herewith send you his Ma$^{ts}$ directions for the Triall of all those you have given us notice of, and would have you proceed thereon accordingly [that] the blood may not lie upon you or us, and expect you render us an Accompt of it.

Directions from His Majesty for Tryalls of offenders.

34: Wee well approve of the entertainment given to Podala [Lingapa] The Embarque you make of all Callicoes dureing the time our Ships are unladeing the care you took to prevent the design of those that robbed the Dutch and yo$^{r}$ denying the Preist comeing thither as a Bishop & Inquisitor, and would have you continue to doe the like on all occasions. But whereas you seem to think that it were better to have ffrench Padres then Portuguez, for though wee would not have the Old ffrench Padres that have been there so long removed, yet when they shall remove themselves or die, wee would have no more admitted, in regard you know that Nation are now Competito$^{rs}$: for a Trade in India, and by no meanes to admitt any Preist to exercise Jurisdiction there.

of Lyngapa embarque of Callicoes Robers Portugez Bishop. No French Padres after y$^{e}$: old ones. Noe Priest Judisdiction.

35: Wee grant M$^{r}$: Hinmers his desire of returning for England and wish him a safe arrivall.

Mr: Hynmers [*a few words lost*]

36: Wee are very sorry for the Death of Major Puckle, & our Ministers & others that you name to us, wee pray God to sanctify all these providences to us, and that wee may be continually mindefull of that hower.

[*a few words lost*] Dead.

37: Wee approve of yo$^{r}$: accepting more of the fine Sallampores and Bettelees then wee ordered, but the Pepper produces great loss, which you might have computed, and doe order that you send us no more.

aprove of Fine Salempores & Beteelas sent but noe more Pepper.

38: ffor the encouragement of John Nicks in his present Imployment as Secretary wee have added 10$^{l}$ a yeer to his Sallary to comence from the arrivall of these ships and for the future who ever is Secret$^{y}$ wee doe appoint shall have 10$^{l}$ ꝑ annum more then the Sallary due by our rules.

Jno. Nicks Secretary 10$^{l}$ ꝑ an. more then du by y$^{e}$: Rules

39: Wee have ꝑused M$^{r}$: Masters Diary and doe like the forme thereof well and recomend it as a pattern to be observed in all the Subordinate ffactories, ffor in the Consultation Bookes from Metchlepat and the Bay there are no Accompts given of any thing but slight touches of our own affaires, and therefore wee require that in every ffactory a Dyary be kept after the same method, and Copies of them to be sent to the ffort and us yeerly, and accordingly you are to give full directions.

Mr: Masters Diary approved [*the like to be kept in all factorys*].

40: Wee did order that the Letters to us from Metchlep$^{a}$ and the Bay should be sent to you and you to give us yo$^{r}$: Observations thereupon, which wee doe not finde is done, but require that for the future you give us yo$^{r}$ opinion on their Letters and of the passages in their Dyaries.

Metchlep$^{a}$: & Bay Letter to be sent & noted at y$^{e}$: Fort.

41: Wee have received a return of M$^{r}$: Masters Instructions and doe comend him for his prudent and Diligent conduct therein and of the directions given to the Subordinate ffactories for the more orderly management of our affaires, and as he hath

Mr. Master's Proceedings comended in settling y$^{e}$ Bay [*a few words lost*].

setled the busines in the Bay So as wee hope our affaires will be better managed there for y^e^ future so wee doe expect by the next ships an Accompt of the setling and regulateing it also at Metchlepatam and the ffort, and that for the future differences will be prevented that have been so prejudiciall to us.

of Ships goeing up y^e^: River Ganges. Young seamen now sent out y^e^ tearms 3 yeeres at 16s ℔ mo: 2: yeares at 20℔ mo: Note y^e^: list differs from y^e^: order for y^t^: says to serve 7: years 4: at 16s, 3: at 20 ℔ mens & to begin at Balasore.

42: Wee observe that you count it very feazible for our ships to goe up the River Ganges, and doe recomend it to you to ℙswade our Comanders to it, which if once effected we beleeve will be constantly practised, ffor the better effecting whereof, wee gave Some orders the last yeer, to which wee refer, and doe now send out some young Seamen who are to proceed to the Bay and to be imployed there in the River that they may be able to Pilot up our ships there to serve the first three yeers at 16^s^ ℔ month and the two last yeers at 20^s^ ℔ month to comence from their goeing on board here, and consider what encouragement is fit to be given them afterwards that they may continue in our Service and how they may be imployed and you are to take care that dureing the said 5 yeers they may be [*a word or two lost*] off, that they may attain the End wee aime at.

of y^e^: Behaviour of y^e^: Compas: Servants.

43: Wee are very glad to finde a good Character of our Servants in Generall at Metchlepatam & the Bay, excepting 4 or 5 which wee wish had been named, and if you doe not finde that they are [*a word lost*] by yo^r^: Admonition, wee would have them proceeded with according to our Orders.

53: all under y^e^: Degree of Senior Marchant be as in y^e^: List sent home by S: Mt: 1676. Factors to be sent out hereafter to serve 3: years in that Degree. Writers to serve 7: yeares in y^t^: Degree hereafter. & to Seale new Covenants & Bonds of 1000£: at 21 years old. Blank Indentures & Bonds now sent. to be Registered & attested. if any refuse to seal a new, to be sent home.

44: ffor obviateing the inconvenience you mention in our last Settlem^t^ in point of Succession, wee doe confirme all under the degree of Senior Merchants in their Rancks they stand in the List wee have now received and doe order that such Persons as wee shall for the future send out as ffactors from hence, shall be admitted to the degree of Merchants after three yeers Service in India, and the Writers wee shall send forth are to serve seven yeers in that ℳapacity, and if any of these arrive at the age of 21 yeers they are to Seal new Covenants, and Bonds of 1000l for performance thereof, which are to be for so much of their time as shall remaine unexpired of their Seven yeers, and this you may require them [to] doe by virtue of the Bond which they and their Security have entered To which end wee send you 30 Blanck Indentures & Bonds, which Bonds & Indentures let be executed in the presence of [three or] more wittnesses Such as are most likely to come for England & send us first takieng care they be fairly registred in yo^r^: consultation Book and attested as true ℳopies, and if any of them shall refuse to seal new Bonds and Indentures, when they come of age, let them be sent home according to their Covenants, and To give us an Accompt of their Actions.

Other Apprentices & Writers as they come to be Factors to give Bonds of 2000l, & kept imployed according to Degree.

45: ffor such of our Apprentices and Writers as shall come to be ffactors you are to take their own Bonds in 2000l, and keep them imployed according to their degree, and they must [write] to their ffreinds in England to give Security here and doe you give us a true Character of them; and if there be any that cañot procure Security here, when wee know who they are and how they have behaved themselves, wee shall give further directions.

Mony raised for ℳharity, how to be imployed.

46. As to the money raised by you for Charity by way of ffines or otherwise, wee would have an Accompt kept thereof and yeerly sent us and if there be any poor there that have been in our Service & through age or otherwise rendered incapable of getting a livelihood or the widdowes or Children of such, let them be releived therewith.

1013: of these out of y^e^: [*a word or two lost*] Repairing [and residing] at y^e^ Fort, to be listed as a Company of trained Bands.

47. Wee take notice of the answers given by those not in our Service to the Orders for their repairing and resideing at the Fort, and doe require that the said Order be effectually complied withall, for it will be a great strengthening to our ffort to have so many Interested Persons there in time of danger and they will be the better governed and wee apprehend it would be convenient that these be listed as a ℳompany of trained Bands to serve in time of danger & Officers appointed them,

and sometimes exercised in the use of their Armes and some of our Councell or Senior Merchants to be the Officers, that on any occasion they may know whome they are to serve under, w$^{th}$: out pay as our trained Bands here.

48: Wee have ℔used the List you sent of the ffactors and writers within yo$^{r}$ Agency, and have made very little alterations therein as you will finde by the following List, which wee confirme vizt: The list of persons in their Imployt.

AT THE FORT. at ye: Fort.

Streynsham Masters Esq$^{r}$ Agent ...
Joseph Hinmers ... ... ...
Edward Herrys ... ... ... } of Councell.
John Bridger ... ... ... ...
Timothy Wilks ... ... ...

The 6$^{t}$ place is to be supplied by the calling up the 2$^{d}$ of Mesulap$^{a}$ or the Bay whose turn it shall be to supply that place according to o$^{r}$ established rule, and in case of their refusall to offer it to the next in degree in those ffactories. ye: 6th: place of ye: Councell how to be filled up

FFACTORS OR WRITERS &C.

| | |
|---|---|
| ohn Nickes | John Pouncett. |
| ohn Davis. | ffran: Mansell. |
| ohn Thomas. | Richard Browne. |
| lisha Yale. | Jam. Wheeler. |
| incent Sayon. | Jonath Prickman. |
| fran: Ellis | Richard Milton. |
| ohn Wilcox. | |

* Charles Egres omited.

AT METCHLEPATAM. at Metchlepa

Math$^{\sim}$ Mainwaring ℭheif.
Christo℔ Hatton Second—who is also to be Cheif at Madapollam.
acob Smith ... ... ... ... third to be Book keeper.
ohn Tivill ... ... ... ... fourth—Warehouskeeper.
Maur. Wynn. ... ... ... ... 5$^{t}$ whome wee also appoint to be Second at Madapollam.

Geo: Chamberlaine omitted.

Hen: Croone Colborne ... ... ... 6 }
Sam Wales Secretary ... ... ... 7 |
Geo: Ramsden ... ... ... ... 8 } Writers at Metchlep$^{a}$:
Will$^{\sim}$ Ayloff ... ... ... ... 10 |
Will$^{\sim}$ Cullen ... ... ... ... 11 |
ohn Clarke ... ... ... ... 13 }
ohn Scattergood ... ... ... 9 } Writers at Madapollam [if]
imothy Harris ... ... ... ... 12 } necessary.

IN THE BAY. In ye Bay.

Walter Clavell ... ... ... ... Cheif of the Bay & Hughly.
Mathias Vincent ... ... ... ... 2$^{d}$ & Cheif at Cassumbuzar.
Job Charnock ... ... ... ... 3$^{d}$ & Cheif at Pattana.
Edward Reade ... ... ... ... 4$^{th}$ & 2$^{d}$ at Hughly.
ohn Marshall ... ... ... ... 5
Edm$^{o}$ Bugdon ... ... ... ... 6 and 3$^{d}$ at Hughly.
Edw$^{d}$ Littleton ... ... ... ... 7 & 2$^{d}$ at [Cassumbuzar.]
Richard Edwards ... ... ... 9 & 3$^{d}$ at Ca[sumbuzar]
George Peacock ... ... ... ... 10$^{th}$ & 2$^{d}$ at Pattana.
Samuel Harvey ... ... ... ... 8 & Cheif at Decca.
ffitch Needham ... ... ... ... 12 & 2$^{d}$ at Decca.
John Billingsly ... ... ... ... 11
Hen: Carpenter ... ... ... ... 13
John Ryam ... ... ... ... 14
George Knipe ... ... ... ... 15
Steph Guillim ... ... ... ... 16

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Jam: Harding ... ... ... ... | 17 | |
| Samuel Weverell ... ... ... | 23 | Writers at Dassumbuzar. |
| Thomas Collins ... ... ... ... | 24 | |
| Richard Trenchfeild ... ... ... | 18 | |
| Christo: Oxinden ... ... ... | 19 | |
| Fore: Peachy ... ... ... ... | 20 | |
| Allen Catch pole ... ... ... ... | 21 | Writer at Pattana. |
| Thomas Bromley ... ... ... ... | 22 | |
| John Thredder ... ... ... ... | 25 | |
| Samuel Anthoney ... ... ... | 26 | |
| Mathias Sheepherd ... ... ... | 27 | Writers at Ballasore if necessary. |
| Geo. Perryn ... ... ... ... | 28 | |
| Abraham Rutton ... ... ... | 29 | |

Mr: Mohun restord: to Imployмt: at the former Sallery 100ll: ℔ annum how & where to be Imployed.

49: Mr: Mohune haveing acknowledged his former miscarriages & promised for the future so to behave himself as to deserve our kindeness, wee have restored him to an Imployment and continued his former Sallary of 100l̃ ℔ annñ. and you are to place him where you think he may doe us the best service, either at the ffort or in the Bay but not at Metchlepatam, nor any of its subordinate ffactories, But he is not to be putt above any that wee now establish of Gennerall Councelles at the ffort or in the Bay, and wee hope his deportment will be such as to irraze all his former failings.

John Field to be disposed in a due rancke &c:

50: Wee understand there is one John Feild that went out in 1662 that is not at ℔sent in our Imployment whome wee would have you dispose of in a due ranck and so as he may be most serviceable to us, and his Sallary to be according to our rules, and wee hope he will meritt this our ffavour.

Mr: Hattons, sallery [settled].

51: Wee finde Mr: Hatton was admitted into our Service in 1672 but his Sallary not Setled, Therefore wee have now ordered him 35l̃ ℔ annum for the first three Yeers from his Settlement in our Service and 40l̃ ℔ annum thence forward.

[*marginal note lost*]

52: Notwithstanding the Settlement wee have made of the respective Councells, if any the ℔sons thereby appointed shall have so misbehaved themselves as that they are already Suspended according to former Rules they are to remain under such suspention till further order from us.

44.

53: ffor a further supply of yor: Agency wee this yeer send out the following Writers at the Sallary of 10l̃ ℔ annum to serve in that quality for seven yeers (vizt)

Writers now sent out at 10ll ℔ annum to serve 7: yeares. in yt: quallity.

2 Robert Shermar.
3 Jam: Sowden.
4 Char: Cross.
5 John Goddard.
6 Nathanll Gifford.
7 Will̃ Rivet.
8 Tho: Hill.
9 John Haines.
1 Robt: Bowyer.
10 William Jolland.
*] Jam Palmer.

* [*Remark against the last name lost*]

Robt: Shermer to be sent to Hugly Mr: Hill to Cassumbazr:

These you are to dispose to the Severall ffactories where they are most wanted and may Serve us best onely wee order that you send Robert Shermer to Hughly and Thomas Hill to Cassumbuzar who are all to take place after the Writers at ℔sent there.

101,84,31.

54: Notwithstanding the reasons you give for altering the day of yor dispatch of our Ships from the ffort, wee cañot assent to it, because of the hazard they may run at the Dape if they stay longer, and therefore wee doe recomend it to you to take Speciall care they be dispatched by our time, & what possible may be to prevent Demoorage which wee conceive will now be easily ℔formed by reason of the great Stock that remained in the Countrey, wherewith wee hope you will have provided a considerable part of their loading, and that [we ordered] a quantity of

The ships to be dispatched by our time.

Salt Petre to be in a readiness both at the Fort & [*a word lost*] to prevent the late comeing of it from Pattana, and further (if possible to prevent this great charge) wee would have you give order to the Bay that if they finde they cañot timely dispatch all the ships that they may stop and take in all our goods at Mesulapatam, then that they dispatch one or two ships early thence, by which our Cheif & Councell at Metchlepatam are to Send to the ffort all their goods without expecting the other ship from the Bay, and let them of the Bay detain the least Ship to carry up the remaind$^{r}$ of the goods w$^{th}$out touching at Metchlep$^{a}$, and give good order both at the Bay and Metchlepatam that they detain them there no longer, then is absolutely necessary for our Service, and this you are to observe as a Standing Rule.

1 or 2: ships to be dispatched early from y$^{e}$: Bay to Metchlep$^{a}$: & 1: ship detained in y$^{e}$: Bay & not to touch at Metchlep$^{a}$ y$^{s}$: a Standing Rule.

55: Upon the desire of S$^{r}$ William Hooker & the [*a word or two lost*] name of M$^{r}$ Masters, and as they alledge by his [*a few words lost*] entertained into our Service Rob Bowyer as a Writer for [*a word lost*] who is to preceed those wee send out this yeer.

Robert Bowyer to precede ye writers sent out y$^{is}$ year.

56. Henry Oxinden whome M$^{r}$: Masters writes about wee finde too young, but wee have resolved to entertain him the next yeer to serve us in some of our ffactories.

[Henry] Oxinden too young.

57. Wee have entertained M$^{r}$ John Evans to serve us as Chaplin in yo$^{r}$ Agency at 50$^{l}$ ℔ añ Sallary and 50$^{l}$ ℔ añ gratuity to commence at his embarqueing here, whom wee order to be sent down into y$^{e}$ Bay, but if it shall have pleased god to deprive you of M$^{r}$ Portman you may detein him with you, and wee pray God to give a blessing to his labours.

Mr: John Evans Chaplin, his salary to be sent to y$^{e}$: Bay.

58. Wee are informed that there is a great private Trade still driven there contrary to our rules and that M$^{r}$ Betts, Dixon & Drinckwater are great Instruments, imployed therein, [we would have] you examine them thereabouts, and if you finde it necessary for the full discovery to examine them upon Oath.

Private trade by Betts, Dixon and Drinkwater to be examined.

59. Wee finde by Maj$^{r}$: Puckles Dairy an odd way of Consultation used at the ffort, which wee hope is long ere this remedied, and that you have frequent Stated times for the Councel to meet, and then to sitt & orderly & fairly debate what shall be Offered for carrying on our affaires either by y$^{e}$ Agent or any of the Councell according to our method here, which M$^{r}$ Masters hath been acquainted with for wee finde by the consultation Book that there hath been consultations entered for a month two or three together.

an odd way of Consultation at y$^{e}$: ffort to be remedyed.

by y$^{e}$: Agent or any of y$^{e}$: Councell.

60. Wee did some yeers Since propose an encouragement of 20$^{l}$: a peece to any of our Writers that should attain to a perfection in y$^{e}$ Gentue or Indostan language, but as yet have heard but of one proficient therein, wee doe require you to reminde them hereof in all your Agency, and when you give us as Accompt of any that have learned it, wee shall order the ℔mised reward to be paid them, and if any shall attain the Persian Language which wee understand also to be usefull wee shall give them 10$^{l}$ each.—And for the better accomplishing this our design you may entertain some fitt person to teach them the said languages which wee understand may be procured at a small charge, and give us yeerly an Accompt what progress they make therein.

[*a few words lost*] [attain y$^{e}$: gentu Indostan language]. to give accott: of those y$^{t}$: have attained it & y$^{n}$: they will order the reward to be paid. & for y$^{e}$: Persian language 10$^{ll}$ each to entertain a Person to teach these languages.

61. Being entered into a Trade to Tywan, It may fall out, that they may send to you or the Bay one of our small vessells w$^{th}$: Gold Copper, Tutenage & other goods proper for those Marketts which if they [doe] you are to dispose thereof for our best advantage, & returning to Bantam by the said vessells such goods, as they shall require takeing special care that the goods be well packed and free of Dañage for they complain that many goods are damaged in the middle of the Bales that had no appearance Outwardly, occasioned by damp packing which begott a disrespect upon our goods and made the Buyers timerous, and compleat her ladeing with Salt Peter, and give her all possible dispatch so as she may arrive at Bantam on the begiñing of Aprill.

31: Order to dispose of [*a few words lost*]

Cinaman, Tramboon Cinamon, Cassia Lignum & Turmerick made their Comoditys Cinamon plants for St: Helena.

62. Wee have now made Cinamon, Tramboone Cinamon Cassia Lignum and Turmerick our own Comodities which you are to note, and if you can procure any Cinamon plants from Zeilone, send them to S^t^helena with directions for planting thereof, which wee would doe to make an experiment.

if any be indebted to adjust ye: accotts: & take acknowledgmts:

63. In case any of our Servants become indebted to us, you are to adjust the accompt with them, takeing a declaration under their hands acknowledging the same, and what money shall be due to us thereupon.

to asisst ye: atturney of Mr: Salisburys administratrix & ye: like to Sam: Smiths Estate & send their Accotts:

64: The Administratrix of M^r^ Salisbury sends orders to her Atturney about getting in his Estate, whome wee would have you assist what in you lies, and to doe the like concerning Sam^l^ Smiths Estate, and to send us their Accompts as they Stand in our Books.

Booth Chatterton [take] a soldyer.

65: Wee are informed that one Booth Chatterton that went out a Soldier was taken off from that duty to serve M^r^ Herrys, a practice wee cañot approve off, and therefore order that he returne to that Imployment and that you prevent the like practice for the future, for it is a great charge to us to send them out.

Bad Debts to be wrott off.

66: Wee finde you desire order for writeing off the bad Debts made before the time of M^r^ ffoxcrofts being Agent (since when you say none are made) which you may doe to ease yo^r^ Books of those Accompts, and carry them into a Book apart by way of memoriall in case any thing hereafter shall come of them.

Mr: Puckles proposalls to be considered.

67: M^r^ Puckle did make severall proposalls to o^r^ Agent & Councell which wee doe not finde were considered of, and therefore, wee would have you ℔use them again and to debate them, and give us yo^r^ opinion thereupon.

What in yor Letter Relates to other Factorys, to give orders therein.

68: What you shall finde in this letter that may relate to any of the Subordinate ffactories you must give the necessary orders therein, ffor wee write onely to you and the Bay, and with our Letter to the Bay, you must give such further directions as you shall finde necessary, and be sure to send them all Papers &c. that relate to their ffactories for it seems the Letters and Patterns for Romalls you forgot to send to Metchlepatam the last yeer, & notwithstanding wee gave express orders for a quantity of Romalls according to the Patternes then sent, yet you sent us none, though a very considerable quantities were brought home this yeer for Acco^t^: of private Trade.

Patterns of Romalls.

Parties concerned to withdraw when witnesses examind & taken in writeing.

69: Wee observe the method of yo^r^: proceedings in examineing y^e^: severall Parties at the Bay, and for yo^r^: further direction, wee hold it convenient on all such occasions that whilest examination of Witnesses is takeing in writeing the ℔ties concerned should withdraw but first to give in any Interrogatories, upon which they desire to have the said Witnesses cross examined.

Voluntary Oaths of partys concerned.

70: And as to yo^r^: Quare whither you may take the Oath of the parties themselves, if any will freely offer it, in order to their [consideration] you may admit it, but in such cases you are to draw up the forme but if you have good & cleer evidence as to matter of ffact, there you are not to admit the ℔ties own Oath against it.

Lists sent of goods wants: & damaged.

71: Herewith wee Send you a List of what goods wee found wanting in Severall Bales, and Cases, & short lengthe of Taffaties, and goods damaged within the Bales which were not discernable Outwardly.

ye: like to be prevented for ye: future.

72: All which proceeding through the carelesnes & negligence of o^r^ Serv^ts^, wee expect that you see right done us and that it be prevented for the future, for the discouragement given hereby to the Buyers and the trouble to us is of worse consequence then the loss it self and formerly so great care was taken that buyers would receive o^r^ goods without opening, and wee have rarely mett w^th^ any complaints. As great a care you must likewise take in the even sorting, that each Bale may be of an equall goodnes.

73 : Wee send you likewise a List of all Bullion Liquors &c ℔mitted by us to be sent on these ships, and doe expect from you an Accompt of what more they bring then is therein mentioned with the name of the Laders and to whome consigned, as likewise an Accompt of what they carry to and from the Bay.

12 : a List of of wt : Bullion Liquors &c$^{a}$ : permited. [expect] an accott : of wt : more is brought.

74 : In our Letter to the Bay you may observe that wée positively order from Eighty thousand to One hundred thousand rupees to be sent and Invested at Decca and as much at Maulda, the reason whereof is that wee have observed that notwithstanding wee have so often & earnestly writt for a quantity of goods from Decca, it hath not been effected which makes us think that our Cheif and Councell at Hughly desire rather to make investments there, as the ffort of old did by Metchlepatam, and wee finde this yeer by the Musters you sent that both the Decca & the Maulda goods will vend well here, and therefore wee would have a considerable ℔cell to be sent us from each place.

80 : to 100,000 : Rups : ordered to Decca, & as much to Maulda.

75 : But notwithstanding this order if you judge so much mony cannot be Invested in each place in such goods as wee have ordered, or in others proper for our markett, you may by yo$^{r}$ Orders lessen the quantity, and also augment the Same if you judge it may be more advantageous to us then to invest it els where, Therefore consider thereof well and give the necessary Orders herein, ffor wee thought not fitt to give them this liberty least they should act as formerly.

Liberty to lessen or augment those sums as found necessary.

76 : Wee observe y$^{e}$ result of the examination of the charge against M$^{r}$ : Hall and M$^{r}$ Smith and approve of yo$^{r}$ proceedings therein, Their Sallaries are to cease on the arrivall of these Ships, & send home their Accompts, but if they desire to remaine in the Countrey & will remove to and reside at the Fort, & be conformable to our orders there, you may ℔mitt them for one yeer for the recovery of their Estates and Debts.

108. Orders concerng : Mr : Hall & Mr : Smith.

77 : Wee observe the necessity of procureing a Phyrmand at the Bay and by our overland Letters you will finde wee gave the needfull Orders therein, which wee confirme, and would have you give what directions & assistance you can therein.

Of Procuring a Phyrmaund at the Bay.

78 : Wee have this yeer freighted for the ℔oast and Bantam the ship ffalcon ℔apn John Stafford burthen 380 : tuns which Ship you are to dispatch for Bantam, with such a Cargo, as may be proper for that markett, to the value of 12 or 14000 pounds according to such advices as you have from them, and let her have sixty tuns of Salt Petre or what more you can spare takeing care that the other three ships may not want their ladeing, but in case you have none ready you are to lade on board her thirty tuns of y$^{e}$ Marble Tomb Stones which remain at the ffort, and give her a speedy dispatch.

101 : Ship Falcon for y$^{e}$ : Coast & Bantam. wth : a Cargo of 12 : or 14000£ : 60 : Tuns Saltpetre or 30 : tuns Marble Tomb Stones.

79 : Wee wold have you cause a strict enquiry to be made concerning Rob : Crawley late Writer at Metchlep$^{a}$ who as wee are informed had received Several bruises by a quarr$^{l}$ with some in y$^{e}$ ffactories, of which he died, and give us a true Accompt thereof and let his Accompt be made up & sent us ℔ the next.

Robt : Crawleys Death to be enquired into.

80 : On the Ship ffalcon wee load y$^{e}$ following goods to be delivered to you at the Fort (viz$^{t}$)

Ship Falcons Carg$^{o}$ outward.

| | | | £. | s. | d. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Lead 400 pigs q$^{t}$ – | 1135 ℔ : 1$^{qr}$ : 17$^{l}$ | at 15$^{s}$ ℔ ℔ ... | 851 : | 11 : | 0 |
| ℔opper Plates | 300 q$^{t}$ 156 : – : 8 | at 6 : 5 : ℔ ℔ ... | 975 : | 9 : | 0 |
| Tyn | 40 barr$^{ls}$ – 120 : – : – | at 4 : 15 : 0 ... | 570 : | – : | – |
| Vermillion | 2 Tubs q$^{t}$ 1144$^{\tilde{l}}$ – | at 4$^{s}$ 2$^{d}$ ℔$^{l}$ ... | 238 : | 6 : | 8 |
| Quick Silver – | 5 Cases q$^{t}$ – 1405$^{\tilde{l}}$ | at 4$^{s}$ ℔$^{lb}$ ... | 281 : | – : | – |
| Books Paper Ink &c. | ... ... ... ... ... | | 47 : | 15 : | – |
| One ℔hest of Gold ... | ... ... ... ... ... | | 11919 : | 1 : | – |
| 26 ℔hests of Silver ... | ... ... ... ... ... | | 25706 : | 5 : | 3 |
| 1 ℔hest of Chyrurgery | ... ... ... ... ... | | 50 : | – : | – |
| 2 Boxes with Seales | ... ... ... ... ... | | 7 : | – : | – |
| | | | 40646 : | 7 : | 11 |

81 ; Wee have also freighted for the Ꝺoast and Bay the following ships vizᵗ·

3 ships sent out.

The Williamson – Ꝺapⁿ Wᵐ Bass Comandʳ 600 tuns.
Nathaniel – Capᵗ : Wᵐ Stannard 570
Society – Cap : Wᵐ Thomson ... 570

Cargo by them £186090 : 14 : 3.

By whome wee send you to the value of 186090ˡ· 14ˢ ; 3ᵈ in goods and Bullion (vizᵗ :)

### On the Williamson.

Ship Williamsons Cargo outward.

| | £ | s. | d. |
|---|---|---|---|
| 600 Pigs of Lead ... ... ... ... | 1277 : | 7 : | 2 |
| 670 Slabs of Tutenage... ... ... ... | 450 : | – : | – |
| 400 Ꝺopper Plates ... ... ... ... | 1311 : | 9 : | 11 |
| 60 Barrˡˢ of Tynn ... ... ... ... | 855 : | – : | – |
| 10 Ꝺasks of Sweedish Tarr ... ... ... | 17 : | 10 : | – |
| 4 Ꝺhests of Gold ... ... ... ... | 46447 : | 4 : | 3 |
| 14 Chests of Silver ... ... ... ... | 12806 : | 4 : | 6 |
| 20 Chests of Canary ... ... ... | 220 : | – : | – : |
| 36 Chests of Brimstone ... . ... | 161 : | 5 : | 0 |
| 1 Box of Musters ... ... ... ... | 5 : | 17 : | 6 |
| 1 Copper Limbeck ... ... ... ... | 2 : | 18 : | – |
| 1 Chest of Chyrurgery ... ... ... | [20] : | – : | – |
| | 63574 : | 16 : | 4 |

### On the Society.

Ship Societys Cargo outward.

| | £ | s. | d. |
|---|---|---|---|
| 500 Pigs of Lead ... ... ... ... | 1062 : | 15 : | 8 |
| 205 Copper Plates ... ... ... ... | 683 : | 1 : | 9 |
| 50 barrˡˢ of Tynn ... ... ... ... | 712 : | 10 : | – |
| 666 Slabs of Tutenage ... ... ... | 415 : | – : | – |
| 10 Cases of quick Silver ... ... ... | 642 : | 16 : | – |
| 6 Cases of Galls ... ... ... ... | 97 : | 3 : | 7 |
| 2 Tubbs of Verrmillion ... ... ... | 231 : | – : | 10 |
| 4 Chests of Gold ... ... ... ... | 42059 : | 18 : | 4 |
| 15 Chests of Silver ... ... ... ... | 13826 : | 1 : | 4 |
| 9 Bales of Broad Cloath ... ... ... | 1108 : | 19 : | 9 |
| Dying ware ... ... .... ... | 124 : | 8 : | 7 |
| 1 Chest of Chyrurgery &c ... ... ... | 72 : | – : | – |
| | 61070 : | 15 : | 10 |

### On the Nathaniel.

Ship Nathaniells Cargo outward.

| | £ | s. | d. |
|---|---|---|---|
| 500 Pigs of Lead ... ... ... ... | 1071 : | 1 : | 0 |
| 263 Copper Plates ... ... ... ... | 932 : | 19 : | 7 |
| 50 Barrells Tyn ... ... ... ... | 712 : | 10 : | – |
| 2 Tubs of Vermillion ... ... ... | 237 : | 14 : | [2] |
| 5 Cases of quick silver ... ... ... | 323 : | 12 : | – |
| 3 barrˡˢ Lahore Indico ... ... ... | 274 : | 2 : | 6 |
| 1 Box of Bookes ... ... ... ... | 5 : | 6 : | – |
| 4 Ꝺhests of Gold ... ... ... ... | 48398 : | 9 : | – |
| 10 Ꝺhests of Silver ... ... ... ... | 8921 : | 11 : | 3 |
| 3 Packs of Perpetuanoes ... .. ... | 145 : | – : | – |
| 4 Chests of Armor ... ... ... ... | 43 : | – : | – |
| 1 Case of Scimiter Blades ... ... ... | 18 : | – : | – |
| 1 Case of long Rapier Blades ... ... | 35 : | – : | – |

| | | *l.* | *s.* | *d.* |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2 firkins of file dust ... ... ... | 1 : | 5 : | – |
| | 1 Box of Gold & Silver lace ... ... | 20 : | 5 : | – |
| | Paper Boots Ink &c ... ... | 90 : | 17 : | – |
| | 3 Chests of wax ffigures & wooden Pins ... | 35 : | 11 : | 6 |
| 3 | 5 Boxes and Chests of Toyes Glasses Books &c: | 120 : | 7 : | 2 |
| | 2 Boxes of Dying stuff ... ... ... | 1 : | 2 : | 2 |
| | 2 Chests with Beames & Scales ... ... | 29 : | 17 : | – |
| | 3 Chests 1 firk of Pistolls Belts &c: ... | 68 : | 11 : | 8 |
| | 1 Chest of Corrall ... ... ... ... | 55 : | – : | – |
| | 1 Box with Primmers Psalters &c: ... | 5 : | – : | – |
| | | 61445 : | 2 : | 1 |

82 : Of which wee appoint for Metchlep[a] & its Subordinate ffactories thirty thous[d] pounds in Bullion and for the Bay one hundr[d] : thous[d] : p[ds] : in Bullion And you may send to those places such of the other goods as you Judge needfull over & above the Bullion designed them ; and in case by reason of any troubles or otherwise you finde you cañot make the full Investments with you which wee order, you may send more to Mesulapatam to supply from thence what you may want, and if they of Mesulapatam doe finde upon arrivall of our Ships and y[e] receipt of the Stock designed them, that they cañot make the full Investm[ts] there, let them give you notice that you may supply it, and if you doe foresee, that neither with you nor at Metchlepatam our full Investm[t] can be made in the Sorts of goods wee have ordered, you may enlarge the Stock to the Bay, and give orders thither accordingly, and if you cañot either with you or at Metchlepatam procure the quantity of each Sort, wee have ordered, you may Augment in other Sorts, that may be most proper for Europe Markett as Ordinary Long Cloth & Sallampores, and in regard wee have of late yeers been so ill served at Mesulapatam, & that wee desire to have the full quantities thence, and our Ships not retarded as the last yeer, but imediately to be dispatched on their arrivall from the Bay, if you finde it necessary you may send Some able ℔son of our Councell at the ffort or other to assist them at Metchlepatam but you are to understand that M[r] Mohune is not to be sent thither.

102 : 100 : for Metchlepa : 1 / 30000 for y[e] : 1 Bay 100000 : besides other goods. goods cannot be bought in one place are to be procured in another. to enlarge in ordinary Long Clo : & Salampores. yt : y[e] : busynes at Mechelepa : may not be frustrated, one to be sent thither to assist, if necessary.

83 : The goods you are to send us home by these Ships are as followeth (viz[t]·)

goods required from y[e] : Fort.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Long Cloth Ordinary ... ... ... ... ... | 40000 | Peecs. |
| ditto browne ... ... ... ... ... | 10000 | |
| ditto fine ... ... ... ... ... | 4000 | |
| ditto white without stifning ... ... ... | 2000 | |
| ditto blew ... ... ... ... ... | 6000 | |
| In all | 62000 | |

Sallampores Ord[ry] from N° 3 to N° 10—40000 but send none of the N° : 18 : 19 : 20 except they can be had 20 ℔ Cent cheaper.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Parcallaes fine N° 15 : 16 if to be procured at 20 ℔ Cent cheaper then last Invoiced if not send us none ... | 2000 | |
| Moorees N° 7. 8. 9 but none courser ... ... ... | 4000 | |
| Ditto N° 10 ... ... ... ... ... ... | 2000 | |
| Ditto su℔fine n° 11 or 12 ... ... ... ... | 1000 | |
| Neck Clothes of 18 in a peece ... ... ... ... | 3000 | |
| Neck Clothes Ord[ry] striped with red ... ... ... | 50000 | |
| Bettelees 25 yards long ... ... ... ... | 4000 | |
| Ditto of 20 yards y[e] finer & thiñer y[e] better ... ... | 6000 | |
| Sail Cloth ... ... ... ... ... ... ... | 1000 | |
| Diapers ... ... ... ... ... ... ... | 2000 | if they can be bought according to former directions. |

101 : 54 : 31 : All ye : Callicoes to be sent home, and Petre & Turmerick kept, rather to keep Petre then Turmerick.

84 : And wee earnestly recomend to you our former directions [as to their] goodnes bredths & lengths and what in you lies to procure them [cheaper] and if you finde that with the Petre & Turmerick they shall send from the Bay there will not be roome to load the Callicoes we order from Metchlepatam & the ffort, In such case land and keep by you so much of the Petre & Turmerick as may be necessary for wee would have all the fine goods sent home that are enordered and rather keep Petre then Turmerick with you, still takeing care that the Ships have their due quantity of Kintlage.

ye like quantitys & sorts next yeare.

85 : These ships being dispatched wee would have you goe on in provideing the like quantities & Sorts for the following Yeer both at the Fort & Metchlepatam.

106. of 26 : Iron guns in ye : Bay.

86 : They write from the Bay of 26 Iron Gunns not vendible [*a word lost*] wee have ordered that they be sent up to the ffort, where you [may] make use of what may be Serviceable, The rest & what other unserviceable Guns you have, you may send to Bantam w^th^ : Order to sell them or to serve for Kintelage of o^r^ : shipping when they may be in want.

[spotted female deer to be procured for ye King.

87 : Wee would have you procure some spotted female Deer and send us by these Ships for his Ma^tie^, the last that were sent dying by the way.

of Metchlep^a affaires hope tis well settled hitherto dissatisfactory.

88 : Wee come now to consider of our Metchlepatam affaires which wee hope you have before now so setled that for the future it will be better managed then of late yeers it hath been, with which wee are very much disatisfied, In ℔ticular that when M^r^ Masters returned from the Bay no goods were sorted or packed (but what were provided at Madapollam by M^r^ : Hatton) by which our ships were retarded.

y^e^ Accotts : kept in : loose Papers.

89. That our Accompts were kept in loose Papers and they not given to M^r^ : Tivill to frame them into Books till Decembr, & he questioned for entring the charges too ℔ticularly.

Consultacons rarely.

90 : That very rarely any consultations were held, sometimes not in fower months.

y^e^ : opertunity of y^e^ : Kings being there little improved.

91 : That so great a sum was given & expended at the Kings being there and that Opertunity so little improved, when any thing would have been granted that could reasonably have been desired the King being so well pleased as they say he was.

Differences w^th^ : y^e^ governr :

92 : That so great differences were made with the Governor, for composeing whereof what was paid is placed to our Accompt.

Short Returnes & ships Detained all hinted for govermt :

93 : That for some yeers past they made so short returnes and so long detained our Ships, All which wee onely hint to you for yo^r^ Government for remedy of these and the like abuses.

Mr. Fleetwood [*a few words lost*] soe great Stocke ?

94 : Wee are sorry for the death of M^r^ fleetwood, and doe wonder how he was then trusted with so large a Stock without any one being joined in Comission with him, when as the yeer before you would not doe it without M^r^ Hatton being joined, though our affaires required M^r^ Hattons attendance elswhere. But the reason that was then given was that they durst not trust M^r^ ffleetwood alone, & how he came now to have a better Credit wee know not except it were that there was another place to send M^r^ Hatton to, which they could not doe the Yeer before without that contrivance, wee expect they give us a good Accompt of the money he owes, and in the mean time to Send us his Accompt by the first ships that wee may see what thereof can be recovered of his Security, and doe wonder that when any went about to stop our goods or extort our moneys upon account of Debts owing them that no notice was taken of the new Phyrmand that cost so dear, & our Declaration made so long since, that we would not be lyable for any Debts of our Servants, which wee would have you again to publish in all our ffactories and fix it up publickly in our houses that none may pretend Ignorance thereof ; And wee doe order, that none of our Cheifs or other our Servants doe on any pretenee whatsoever borrow any moneys or take any ℐredit from any Governour of any places where wee have any Trade, for thereby our Estates may become subject to trouble & loss, and this wee

send ther Accotts :

Declaration to be publisht in all y^e^ Factorys.

none to borrow money of any governour.

would have effectually Ordered, and take care that if any thing be owing to such the ꝑsons concerned doe imediately pay it, and this wee would have speedily effected, for wee are informed that the Governor of Metchlepª had Lent some moneys to Mr Mainwaring, which kinde of Correspondency must needs be prejudiciall, for the borrower is servant to ye Lender. The proceedings with Mr: Chambrlyn were worse for their own Letires saies that he was ordered the 21th of August to goe to Muckapaka with 5,000 Pagº & he proceeded not till the 4th of Octobr, now what reason they had to deliver him the moneys till he was ready to goe or not goeing not to take an Accompt of it sooner wee know not, and as little why they should trust him with 2000 more on ye: Security of Tutenage, which probably they knew was consigned [him] by the Dutch for their Accompt, and might have had it for what he then Owed, without any new money if they had pressed him to it as they did afterwards, and they could not but know that the bare loss of so much time as from August to Octobr must alone be very prejudiciall to our affaires.

if any doe owe to such speedy payment to be made.

ye: proceedings wth: Mr: Chamberlaine.

95: Wee observe that it is yor: opinion that it is for or: Interest to rent Madapollam & Verasheroone, wee have written you formerly at large about this affair and referred it to you to give the necessary orders therein, so as it might be done with Security & Advantage according to the cautions then given.

of Renting Madapollam & Verasheroone.

96. As to the building conveniencies wee refer you to the [*a word lost*] Paragraph, for though wee would have all our Servants [*a word or two lost*] ffactory, yet wee intend not to be at extraordry: charges in build[ings] to make accomodation for their ffamilies, Or that our Single people should be putt out of our houses to give them accomodation.

6: of building conveniencies. Single people not be put out to accomodate ye: marryed.

97. Wee have duely considered what Mr: Masters hath offered to us for removeing from Metchlepatam to Madapollam, but doe not think fitt to alter it at ꝑsent, but would have you Seriously consider and fully to debate the conveniencies & inconveniencies that may attend it, as whither you will not thereby so far disgust the Governor of Metchlepatam that he may obstruct the dispatch of our Ships, or [put] other disturbances to our Investments in the Countrey or whither our other European ꝺompetitors in Trade may not gain upon us [*a word lost*] or whither it may not be inconvenient for the ladeing & unladeing of our goods & retarding of our Ships, and what els may occur to you upon this Subject, in which also let the ꝺouncell of Metchlepª: be consulted and upon the whole give us yor opinion, and then you shall receive our further Order.

of removeing from Metchlepª: to Madapollam. to be fully debated ye: objections.

ye: Councel of Metchlepª to be [*a few words lost*]

98. ffor Investments at Metchlepatam and places adjacent wee [doe]order you to send down by these ships such goods as you think may well vend there and thirty thousand Pounds in Bullion, and you must order the Cheif and ꝺouncell to load on them at their return from the Bay the following goods.

goods to be sent to Metchlepª: & ll 30000: in Bullion.

Goods Required from Metchlepª:

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|---|---|
| Long Cloth Ordinary white such as were sent home by ye: Johañah Nº: 10. 11. 12 13 which cost from 24 Pagº 16 fañ to 26 pagº: 10 fañ ꝑ Corge ... ... ... ... ... | 20000 peeces. |
| Dº ffine Cloth such as Nº 2. 3. 4. ꝑ Johañah that cost from 3 to about 4 pagº a peece ... ... | 1000 |
| Sallampores fine ... ... ... ... ... | 8000 |
| Ditto Ordinary ... ... ... ... ... | 10000 |
| Parcallaes fine ... ... ... ... ... | 6000 |
| Ginghams white 1½ yard broad & abot: 23 to 24 yards long ... ... ... ... ... | 4000 |
| Ditto brown ... ... ... ... ... | 1000 |
| Izzarees ... ... ... ... ... ... | 2000 |
| Oringall Bettelees ... ... ... ... ... | 8000 |
| Allejaes according to Samples last sent red Stripes to be lively & full ye: other Stripes to be ꝑfectly white ... ... ... ... ... | 12000 |

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|---|---|
| Dungarees ... ... ... ... ... ... | 1200 |
| Cotton Romalls each handkercheif to be in length and bredth ¾ of a yard ... ... ... ... | 20000 |
| More of the sorts of the Masulap[a] Musters M ℔ the ffalcon (viz[t]). | |
| Sallampores Invoiced at 27 pag[o] ℔ Corge ... | 600 |
| Ditto Invoiced at 25 pag[o] ... ... ... | 600 |
| Parcallaes at 15 pag[o] ... ... ... ... | 1200 |
| Ditto at 13 ... ... ... ... ... | 1200 |
| Ditto at 10¼ ... ... .. ... ... | 1200 |
| Gulcondah Betttelees at 3 pag[o] & 3 pag[o] 6 fan. 14 yards long ... ... ... ... ... | 1000 |
| Ditto brown at 2 pag[o] 6 fan a peece 20 yards long to be whited there ... ... ... ... | 1000 |
| Cammums at pag[o] 1 : 12 fan : of 15 or 16 yards long to be whited there ... ... ... ... | 1000 |
| Pegu Sticklack ... ... ... ... ... | 100 tunns. |

Or more. because better & cheaper [*a few words lost*]. wt: cannot be had there to be made up at y[e]: Fort except ginghams & fine Salempores.

99 Or as much more as you can procure to ly in readines at the ffort. The reason why wee give direction for so many goods to be provided at Mesulapatam is because they are much better and cheaper, [and] therefore would have you procure them there, but [*a few words lost*] great a quantity can̄ot be had in those parts, then wee would have you make up what shal be wanting in the same sorts of goods, which are to be had at the ffort except the Ginghams & the fine Sallampores.

82: if ye: busynes be not better done then formerly, to make enquiry & punish the offenders.

100. And if you finde that our busines be not better managed there then formerly and that they doe not give our ships a quick dispatch and make full returnes, that you make an enquiry into the causes and whomsoever you shall finde to have been wanting in their duty and discharge of their trust, that you proceed against them according to our rules, and wee hope Such an example will conduce much to the future & better management of our affaires; And the same wee would have you doe on the like occasion in any other of our ffactories.

78: 54: 91: 84: ye: Death of agt: White &ca: at Bantt: y[e]: Unity from Syam to y[e]: Coast & back to Bantam. upon wch: y[e]: Falcons Voyage altered. & now ordered to goe Directly to y[e]: Bay up ye River ganges, & to be filled up w[th]: Petre, Turmerick & sticklack tho kept longer. but they aime yt: all 4: ships may goe together full laden. y[e]: Falcon being single.

101. Since the foregoing praised be God the Loy[l] Subject Capt: Will: Goodlad ℳomand[r] is arrived here safely from Bantam, with the unwelcome newes of the death of our Agent White & others, who were basely assassinated, Of which wee hope time to hand a further Accompt & Justice to be done on their murderers, which we shall endeavour, They advise That they had sent the Unity to Syam, from thence with a ℳargo to be speeded to you, and by you to be returned to them with such goods as they did advise for, On which accompt wee have altered our resolution of sending the ffalcon from the ffort to Bantam and haveing a great desire to have a Ship goe up the River Ganges, and this being a fitt vessell to effect it, & the ℳaptain willing to attempt it, wee have [allowed] him to sail directly for the Bay without stopping at the Fort that so his ship may be timely there to goe up the Ganges [before] the freshes grow strong, and by o[r] other ships that you send into the Bay, you are to advise our Cheif & Councell there what goods you can lade at the Fort & Metchlep[a], that if possible they may procure goods enough to lade all our 4 ships, though they should keep the Ship a little later then Ordinary, & fill her up with Salt Petre, Turmerick & Sticklack after they have sent the other away, as you may see more at large by our Letter to the Bay to which we refer you, and doe require you to give such further direction therein, as may be requisite, towards y[e]: attaining the end wee aime at, which is the full ladeing all the 4 ships and timely dispatching them, that they may come together from the ffort in ℳompany; And you are also to note that if they doe detain the Falcon so as she canot come in Company with o[r]: other Ships, That you are to lade all the Callico you provide at Metchlepatam & the ffort on the other three, that o[r] adventure may be the less in her, being a single ship.

[all y[e]: Callicoes to be (laden) upon y[e]: other 3 ships.]

102. And it is our Order, That if upon the arrivall of our 3 ships you shal hear of any disaster befaln the ffalcon that may retard her arrivall in the Bay which God forbid, you are then to send down to the Bay by them the more Stock, computeing the Stock on the ffalcon to be born by the whole Stock wee design for the Coast Metchlepatam and the Bay, That in case of such loss each place may lessen its Stock proporconably; And in regard you send not the ffalcon with a Cargo to Bantam wee have made the Stock for the Bay in Bullion One hundred thousand Pounds besides goods & ffower score thousand Pounds to the ffort.

In case any disaster to ye: Falcon to send ye more stock to ye: Bay. £100000 to ye Bay 30,000 to ye: Fort.

103. By the Phœnix & Expectation wee sent out several ffactors for supply of the Agency of Bantam, amongst whome was Robt. Parker Esqr:, whome wee then ordered, in case of the death of Agent White should succeed in that Agency.

Robt: Parker Esqr: Agent at Bantam.

104. Wee formerly ordered you to give assistance to Sr: Edward Winters Atturny for recovering & getting in his Estate, of which you take notice, but he complaines that nothing hath been done therein wee doe therefore again recomend it to you to help therein what you can.

To assist Sr: Edwd: Winters Attourney.

105. Wee require you to use yor utmost endeavors to observe or. Orders But if any thing should fall out extraordinary, that wee cañot foresee, that the keeping exactly to our directions might be greatly prejudiciall to us, wee reposeing great confidence in yor wisdome and Integrity, and that you will doe nothing but what shall be for our advantage & yor own reputation; In such case wee would have you take to yor assistance all the Senior Merchants, and So by a serious consultation of or: Agent, Councell and them, consider what is fitt to be done, And praying God to direct you, wee leave it to you to vary from our Orders in any ꝑticulars, which you shall judge to be most for our Service, Concerning which, if any such occasion happen, enter down in yor Consultation Bookes yor reasons at large, and send them to us in a writeing apart.

a Latitude to to vary [from] their orders.

[takeing] the senior Marchants advice.

Such proceedings to be sent in a writeing apart.

And so praying to God to guide and prosper you in all our affaires, To his gracious protection wee comitt you, & remaine. Your Loveing ffreinds.

Postcript.

106. You will finde in our Letter to the Bay That wee order that they still endeavor the sale of the 26 Gunns of which wee write you in a former paragraph, so you are not to expect them to be sent up to you, but confirme our Order to them both as to their view & Sale and if you cañot effect it, give us yor: opinion what is fit to be Ordered therein, nor are you to send any of yor defective Gunns to Bantam without further Order.

86 26 Iron Guns in in ye: Bay to be sold there. [none] to be sent to Bantam.

107. Herewith wee send you a Paper from our Accomptant Generall for yor: direction & another for the Bay, which you are to order to be accordingly observed.

Paper from ye: Accomptant grall:

108. Wee have written to you in a former Paragraph about Mr. Hall and Mr: Smith, but therein Omitted to give directions how to proceed with them, Our order is that if they shall desire to retire to [the] ffort you may ꝑmit them to remaine there a yeer or two provided they comport themselves so as to give no disturbance to our affaires and conforme to our Rules, but if after this Tryall for one Yeer or [Agent] & Councel shall finde their longer abode there to be prejudiciall to or affaires, you are then to send them home, and if they doe not desire to remain at the Fort, but persist to continue in the Bay you are to send them for England by those ships to render us an Accompt of their transactions according to their Covenants.

Mr: Hall & Mr: Smith. may Remaine at ye: Fort a yeare or 2: if prejudiciall after one yeare to be sent home ye: like if they persist to stay in the Bay.

109. Wee have reason to suspect that some Bullion will yeerly be brought out without permission which wee would willingly have discovered, and therefore for the encouragemt: of our Agent to be active & diligent herein, wee doe declare That he shall have half of what ought to be paid of all that he shall discover that goes out without our ꝑmission he takeing care to give ye ꝑticulars thereof, and the ships on which it goes are the ꝑsons that receive it.

Bullion sent wth: out Permission. ye: Agent to have ½ of ye: Freight to make discovery of it.

110. And now that you have so many married ffamilies & [*a word lost*] increase, for their due education, wee send over one Mr: Ral[ph] Orde to be School Master at the Fort at the Sallary of [fifty] pounds ꝑ añ to comence from the time of his

Mr: Ralph Orde sent for Scholemastr: at 50ll: ꝑ ann: salery

to teach English gratis. to apoint a convenient place for yr use to diett at ye: table £5: [pd] him in part.

embarqueing [here] who is to teach all the children to read English, and to write and Cypher gratis, and if any of the other Nations as Portuguez Gentu or others will send their Children to School, wee require they be also taught gratis, and you are to appoint some Convenient place for this use, and he is likewise to instruct them, in the Principles, of [the] Protestant religion, and he is to diet at our Table—he has reed. £5 here in ℔t. of his sallary which you are to deduct there.

29 ye: Reply to ye: affair of Mint sent in a paper apart.

111. Yo[r] answer about y[e]: Mint is still so dissatisfactory, & withall so Tart That it hath occasioned o[r] reply to be much larger then otherwise it would have been and therefore it goes in a ℔ticular Sheet apart from this Letter, w[ch] notwithstanding we recomend to yo[r] ℔usall & consideration, And so comitting you to y[e] guidance & protection of the Almighty; Wee remaine.

Your Loveing ffreinds

ARTH INGRAM.

BERKELEY.

JOHN BATHURST.

SAM[L] BARNARDISTON. WILL THOMSON Gov[r]

JA. EDWARDS [Dep[y] Gov[r]]

THO PAPILLON. JOHN MOORE.

JOS[A] CHILD.

MATH ANDREWES. JN[O] LAWRENCE.

JN[O] DOGGETT. JOHN BANKS.

THO: CANHAM. JN[O]: MORDENS

[*a name or two lost*

DANIELL SHELDON

[*a name lost*]

[*a name lost*] [EDWARD RUDGE.]

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*[COPY OF A LETTER FROM CASSUMBAZAR DATED 2D JUNE 1676.]

[ . . . . ] me and [ . . . . ] discourticies and injuries [ . . . . ] the contrary [ . . . . ] I am through consideracon [Cun . . . . ] your Enimies has breathed on bo [ . . . . ] by [ . . . . ] the Hon[ble]: Comp[e]: has [ . . . . ] after if care be nott taken [ . . . . ] perusal hereof I leave it to [ . . . . ] abuseing you. As allsoe [ . . . . ] is one [ . . . . ] I [ . . . . ] advice [ . . . . ] to prevent all prejudice [ . . . . ] eavour to doe yourself [ . . . . ] and [ . . . . ] dec[d]: had called you [ . . . . ] Richard Edwards in my [present] [ . . . . ]

[ . . . . ] doog allso may other reproach full names [ . . . . ] Company [ . . . . ] and divers ℔sons at the Coast that you could [ . . . . ] Taffaties and other goods at much lower rates then M[r] M[r] charged them att which

* The first and last portion of this paper is in a largely dilapidated state in the original; and the dots within square brackets represent word or words lost which in most cases cover half a line.

hee saide hee knew to be greate lies. The aforesaid ꝑson allsoe George Knipe a Short time after wee heard of the fire at Ballasore examined who suffered by it but when they heard that you escaped great loss they wished you had beene utterly ruind by it. I assure you these are no untru[th] I write I believe you remember when you was here last R E$^{s}$ malice towards you by y$^{e}$ gross Language hee gave you which has not been loss (it is reported to mee amongst his debaucht Companions.

Richard Edwards hath for many monthes since hee has been here taken a Braminies wife for his Companion which when her husband heard of or some other relacons they complained to Bulchund the Nabobb Governour at Mu[r]davad who sett penns upon our ffactory doore and demanded us to deliver her up but though that w! as] not granted presently yet were they forced to comply therewith and the Woman put into Irons & R E by relation of those that at that time were here (for I was no[t] say he was in danger of his life and afraid to stirr out After Bulchund had examined the woman he demanded a very considerable summe for that offence more y$^{n}$ R E [could] produce wherefore his demand was not complied w$^{th}$ it being no concerne of the Hon$^{ble}$ Compa$^{s}$: but our Merchants here who had greate acquaintance with Bulchund informing the saide ꝑson the nature of the business and that hee was the Comp$^{a}$. Servant that did it without their approbacon as allsoe through often (Slave like) attendance of M$^{r}$ Edwards on said Governour to pleade for himselfe togeather with presents given the aforesaide Governour which is pretended were given upon our Employers acco$^{t}$: but it may be suspected for the other insomuch that hee demanded afterwards R. 1300 which R E would not consent to whereupon the said Governour threatned to make it knowne to the Nabob of Dacca to prevent which R E proffered him a certaine summe but it was not accepted of after the said Governours returne from Dacca our people united him (Mr Vincent being then att Ballasore) whome hee tolde hee had very much be[friended] in the former business and that hee would not take less then Rup$^{s}$ 1100 which if they would not pay hee said he would force a greater fine from them therefore to avoide a greater damage y$^{t}$ might ensue upon the Comp$^{a}$: M$^{r}$ M$^{r}$ disbursed the said Summe [a short] time after (R E being impoverished by his ill courses almost) and Piscashed Bulchu[nd] that day notwithstanding hee confessed to be sattisfied yet hee refused to give us assurance under his hand that wee should not be molested hereafter upon that acco$^{t}$: soe [that] whenever hee findes noe other way to gett money from our Masters it is to be doubted hee will use that I suppose you have read some small relacon of this business in the Comp$^{a}$: Generall from hence to Ballasore.

Since hee heard of Major Puckles comeing hither hee hath Sent the Braminies wife to Hughly w$^{th}$ an intent (it is related mee) to marry her to whome hee can as [ . . . ] hath done w$^{th}$ his but near her departure Shee Saide hee Should not put her off | . . . ] called him many Scornefull names Saying that hee had beene [ . . . ] And that Shee would Seeke redress by makeing Bulchund [ . . . ]S greater trouble then heretofore if hee would not be haveing putt [ . . . ] formerly since [ . . . ] came hither of G. K [ . . . ] the mother of R E which I am Informed is gon to Hughly (because shee [ . . . ] of [ . . . ] forsaken by [Companie]) to ! ꝑsuade] her y$^{t}$ She accept of none but [R E] or her husband. The loss the [Companie] sustaine[ed by] these debaucherres [untill] manifest [ . . . ] all the foregoeing relacon or [ . . . ] others to the ill courses he [ . . . ] & G. K. has had no good advise [ . . . ] excessive malice constantly in [ . . . ] conversation by w$^{ch}$ what I [ . . . ] I recommend it to you [ . . . ] may fall upon mee [ . . . [you have in these [ . . . ] I acquainted you hereof [ . . . ] in the coast [ . . . ] but my purpose thereby is to [ . . . ] the [ . . . ] possession [ . . . ] will this be the less usefull to you [if you inten] [ . . . ] to put it in execution [for you] may doe it soe easily and secretly that your Enimies can not know who [hath] don it w$^{ch}$: way is convenient to avoid an ill name and other inconveniencies y$^{t}$[other]wise might ensue.

[Copy of Warrant for Trying] two Murtherers at Fort S[t]. George from his Ma[tie]. No. 4.

Charles Rex.

Trusty & well beloved, Wee greet you well, Whereas wee are informed by the humble Petition of the Governor & Company of Merchants of o[r] Citty of London tradeing into the East Indies that it hath lately been Certified unto them that John Hartley living in one of their ffactories called Fort S[t] George, under yo[r] Governm[t]. hath killed one William Gilbert there, and also that Manuel Brandan de Lina living in the same ffactory hath killed his own Christian servant, and although they have been advised by our Councel Learned, that by virtue of a clause contained in their Charter, they may direct you the Governor & Councell to proceed to the Tryall of the said John Hartly & Manuel Brandan de Lina and either of them, & to judge & execute them if found guilty, Yet because of late yeers there hath been but one President in a matter of this nature, they have thought it their duty to sue unto us for allowance & approbation of the proceedings herein.

Wee being willing that the aforesaid Offenders should be brought to condigne punishment, if they shall be legally convicted, doe hereby signify our Royall pleasure unto you, That you forthwith proceed to the Tryall of them the said John Hartley & Manuel Brandan de Lina & either of them, by directing a Warrant or Precept to the Bailiff or other officer (in the nature of a Venire facias) thereby comanding him to summon fower & twenty men as a grand Jury, to whome the Indictments may be proved, and if they finde them Billa vera, then a new precept to summon a Jury to try the said John Hartley & Manual Brandan de Lina & either of them, by whome if they or either of them, be found guilty, then you are to pass sentence of Death against them, and cause the same to be executed accordingly, to the end that by such exemplary Justice, others may be deterred from comitting the like Offences for the future, and so the Peace of yo[r] ffactories in those parts may be the better preserved. And for your doeing and proceeding as aforesaid, This shall be yo[r] sufficient Warrant.

Given at our Court at Whitehall the fift [day] of Decembr 1677 in the nine & twentieth year of our Reigne

Copia Vera.

By his Ma[ties] Comand
H: Coventry.

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Wee being willing that the aforesaid Offenders should be brought to condigne Punishment, if they shall be legally convicted, doe hereby signifie our Royall pleasure unto you, That you forthwith proceed to the Tryall of them the said John Hartley

* This is a duplicate of the preceding paper.

and Manuel Brandan de Lima, & either of them by directing a Warraut, or precept to y^e^ Bailiff or other Officers (in the Nature of a Venire facias) thereby comanding him to summon four and Twentie Men, as a grand Jury to whom the Indictments may be proved, and if they find them Billa Vera, then a new precept to summon a Jury to try the said John Hartley, and Manuel Brandan de Lima, and either of them, by whom if they or either of them be found guiltie, then you are to passe Sentence of Death against them, and cause the same to be executed accordinglie, to the end that by such Exemplarie Justice, others may be deterred from Comitting the like Offences for the future, and soe the Peace of your Factories in those parts may be the better preserved. And for yo^r^ doeing and proceeding as aforesaid this shall be yo^r^ Sufficient Warrant. Given at our Court at Whitehall the 5^th^ day of December 1677, in the Nine and Twentith Yeare of our Raigne.

Copia Vera.

By his Ma^ties^ Comand
H. Coventrie.

Instructions how to proceed in the Tryall of John Hartley & [Manuel Brandan de Lina]. No. (5).

You are in the first place to Issue out a Precept in the nature of a Venire facias for the summoning of a grand Jury, which precept may be in this or the like forme.

To our Bailiff on this behalf greeting, wee comand you on the behalf of our Soveraigne Lord the King that you cause to come before us at such a place & on such a day fower & twenty of the most able and Substanciall Inhabitants of this Towne to inquire upon their Oathes of such matters as shall then & there be given them in Charge, and bring with you the names of the Jurors and this precept; Yo^r^ Bailiff should bring the pannell of the Jury, that is their names writt in a long slip of Parchment annexed to the returne of the precept The Grand Jury being [Served] you are to give them in charge among other things to inquire of all offences comitted against the peace of our Lord the King, from such a time, nameing besure a time before the Act comitted, then the Indictment, a forme whereof we have here likewise inclosed is to be proved to them, and if they finde it Billa vera, then are you to Issue forth a new precept to sumon a Jury to try him for his life, which may be in this or the like forme.

To our Bailiff on this behalf greeting Wee comand you on thebehalf of our Soveraigne Lord the King, that you cause to come before us at such a place & on such a day twelve good Substanciall Inhabitants of this Towne, and in the case the party to be tryed be a Portuguez then you must here add six whereof to be such as were borne in the Parts of Portugall under the Alleigance of the King of Portugall, and so, if of any other Nation mutatis mutandis by whome the truth of the matter shall best be known, and who are not any way of kindred unto John Hartley * * to take cognizance upon their Oathes if the said John Hartley * * is guilty of the death of W^m^ Gilbert felloniously murthered whereof he is Indicted or not, and have there the names of the Jurors and this writt, but although twelve onely are appointed to be Sumoned by this precept, yet yo^r^ Bailiff had best return five or six & thirty, for the prisoner may challange twenty peromptarily and, so if there be not enough left, may Baffle yo^r^ proceedings, If this Jury finde him guilty you are to give sentence of Death according to the Law of England, which sentence is used to be pronounced, after this manner.

You shall goe to the place from whence you came from thence to [the] place of Execution there to be hanged by the neck untill you are dead; It is usual after verdct and before sentence to ask the Prisoner if he have any thing to say why sentence should not be [pronounced] against him, and likewise after sentence especially in case of women for that they may be pregnant, why execution should not be awarded then you are to Issue out a warrant, unto such person as you shall think fitt for the executeing of such sentence at a certain time & place.

The same to proceed against Manuel Brandan de Lina.

## Blank Indictment No. (6).

### Indictment against John Hartley.

The Jurors for our Lord the King doe present That John Hartley of in the East Indies on the day of in the yeer of the Reigne of our said Soveraigne Lord Charles the Second by the Grace of God King of England, Scotland, ffrance & Ireland defender of the ffaith &c. at aforesaid in the said East Indies in about of the Clock at not haveing the fear of God before his Eyes but being moved and seduced by the Instigation of the Devill & out of a premeditated malice did by force of armes assault one William Gilbert. being then & there in the peace of God & of our Soveraigne Lord the King and with a which the said John Hartley

And so the said Jurors say That the said John Hartley on the day of * in the yeer abovementioned at aforesaid in the said in manner & forme aforesaid of premeditated mallice did willfully & felloniously kill & murder the said William Gilbert against the peace of our said Soveraigne Lord the King his Crowne & Dignity.

## Order for encouragement of ships to sayle up the River Ganges. No. (6).

At a Court of Comittees holden 14th December 1677.

Upon consideracon had of ye advices lately recd from Bantam It is ordered, that the Ship Falcon, which is entertaine'd on A Voyage to the Coast of Choromandel and thence to Bantam (for which, Chreparty is sealed accordingly) be now appointed to sail from hence directly for ye Bay of Bengal, and not to proceed at all for Bantam, and for as much as it is Judged expedient both for ye: Security of ye ships as of ye: Companies Concerns thereon, that ye: Court should introduce their sailing up ye River Ganges: It is ordered, that if any ships shall go up the said River as high as Hughley, or at Least as farr as Channock, the Owners shall be allowed ffourty shillings ℔ tonn on ye whole tonnage above their ordinary freight; and A gratuity of One Hundred pounds shall be given to ye Comander, Twenty Pounds to ye Chief Mate, Sixteen pounde to ye Second Mate Twelve pounds to ye third Mate & [Tenn] pounds to ye 4th Mate: and also one months pay to ye rest of ye inferiour Officers & Seamen, for their encouragement.

Transcribed by
William Rivett.

## An Answer to that clause of the Letter from the Fort dated January 167⅞ concerning the Mint. No. (9).*

Notice is taken of yor concurrance wth severall perticullrs of what we intimated this time & years, We then agreed [yt] 110 oz. 2 dwt 5 gs of yor matt gold should make 1000 pags as now againe you mention, but yt was in part of or question, we desired to know the due proportion of Alloy that you allow unto 10 or 100oz of Standd Gold], & the reason of such a difference as there appeares to be in the product of or Gold of one and ye same fineness as we advis'd and then also evidenced to you ℔ [ye copies] of [ye] Accots of severall years taken out of yor owne books, to which latter you are altogether silent, and in the former somwhat remote, and not so plaine as you might have bine (yet we shall make it serve the turne) you only say your Sheroffs keeps to their proper Standd: of 15oz [ . . . ] alloy ℔ 100oz of fine gold, taking no notice of any Standd but their [own] yet we hoped that yor experience might have enabled you by this time [to] know the exact proportion of alloy yt is due to every degree of fineness by the English Standd (expressed in all or Invoices) for ye exact ad[j] [ . . . ] it to yor matt by the pen before they either

* The original of this paper is in a dilapidated state & the dots within square brackets indicate that some word words have been lost.

see or touch y^e^ Gold & [then] to asserty^e^ same to them and us. But if otherwas (notwithstanding they returne you the exact w^t^ of Gold and numb^r^ of pag^s^) we may still [suffer] wrong, being they may still supply the want of so much Gold as they [find] by the private addition of so much the more alloy then is waied & deliverd to them by you, and in this p^r^ticuller o^r^ Invoices do much contribute to your ease, being you have not only in them the w^t^ and finess as it is reported from the Tower of every Ingott and bag of speties, but also y^e^ same reduc'd to exact English Stan^d^ there may be indeed among the forreigne Coynes we send you some falce peeces, w^ch^ being melted w^th^ the rest may debase the whole lump, but there can be no such suspition on the Ingotts from w^ch^ only we take o^r^ measures.

2. You say M^r^ Hinmers had given Order to send us (according [to] our desires) the samples in 2 [or 3 dw^t^ of every] such Ingott as doth not answer [ . . . ] but it is of verry little use to us in comparrison of [ . . . ] meane the prementioned Samples, for by those we might [ . . . ] them, have come to know wheither such frequent [ . . . ] are made here [or there] but those Samples are also wanting nor doth M^r^ Hinmers book afford us any thing more then [ . . . ] of the Anuall Acco^ts^ w^ch^ we have from time to time received [ . . . ] [Gold] and yet if those acco^ts^ had but mentioned y^e^ difference of this or that Ingotts finess from o^r^ Invoices it would be [more] satisfactory.

3 You only mention y^e^ quantity of Alloy to each of the [ . . . ] not y^e^ reason nor the Rule, we finde (as we suppose) the said allowance to be much shorter then it ought, or elce o^r^ Gold must be much courser then here reported, for supposing w^t^ we intimated Decemb^r^ 1675 (and not contradicted by yo^r^ selves or any others) that 100^oz.^ of English Stand^d^ Gold required 6^oz.^ 5^dwt.^ 14^grs.^ of Alloy to bring it exactly to yo^r^ pag^s^ matt. Then by the following Examples you must acknowledge there is somwhare a considderable mistake, We have now only examin'd one Chest viz^t^ N° D of y^t^ year upon the ffaulcon supposing the rest may come out neare alike, we therein finde 5 Ingotts to be reported and Invoiced, full Stan^d^ viz^t^

| | oz. | dwt. | oz. | | oz. | dwt. | oz. | | oz. | dwt. | oz. |
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| N° 51 w^t^ | 45. | 12 | 12 | to w^ch^ is Alloy ℔ Book | 2 | 1 | 10 | & it should be | 2 | 17 | 7 |
| 54— | 118. | 17— | ... | ... ... ... | 6 | 5 | 2 | | 7 | 9 | 6 |
| 57— | 118. | 4— | ... | ... ... ... | 5 | 9 | – | | 7 | 8 | 10 |
| 58— | 49. | 15— | ... | ... ... ... | 2 | 6 | 12 | | 3 | 2 | 11 |
| 59— | 118. | 4— | ... | ... ... ... | 4 | 19 | 12 | | 7 | 8 | 10 |

by w^ch^ as by what hath bine formerly hinted on this Subject we hope you will grante we had and still have some cause of suspition (w^ch^ yet was never so invetterate as you charge it on us) That there is want of Art or Honesty in some of those you imploy in this affaire, & [however] you must give us leave to make such modest inquieries as we thinke fitt (into such perticullers wherein yo^r^ owne advices have not fully sattisfied us) without such impertinent retorts as you are pleased to make thereon, you may be sincere and innocent yo^r^ Selves, and yet be wanting of due Care and Inspection into the evill practizes of others under [you,] how comes it to pass there is no notice taken of the great di[ffer]ence [in y^e^] [ . . . ] [of 3 of y^e^ 5 Ingotts] above mentioned viz^t^ N° 54, 57, 59 w^ch^ are very [ . . . ]

4. [We think you might have] [ . . . ] [you had better grounded that [suparlative compan] [ . . . ] [of the sincerity of yo^r^ owne] advises, in vendecation [ . . . ] of that mint. for that [ . . . ] in the same breath you [ . . . ] dare to pretend to any understanding in y^t^ [ . . . ] This [ . . . ] [mi]ght plead some excuse for upon y^e^ Proofe [yo^r^ fine Gold] [ . . . ] [borrow] is not found to be altogether so [pure and fine] as yo^r^ [se] [ . . . ] [re]port it, there is some dross and such an [eagerness] therein as renders it neither sweet nor solid.

5. We do not remember to have us'd any such expressions as you mention of 11 or 10 ℔Cent but yo^r^ silence in this years Lett^rs^ had left us altogether unsattisfied in the suppos'd Error of 715 pags : 5. 4 but that is was other[wise] found out as we wrote you

the last yeare, we hope y^e^ omission was only a just conviction of your owne plaine mistake (though you are not willing to make the acknowledgem^t^) rather then slighting our just exceptions both to y^e^ thing itselfe as to y^e^ insignifficante replies you had given us [about] it.

6. We have taken assaies of the pag^s^ and p^s^ of pag^s^ Matt gold that you sent us on the —and have founde those of yo^r^ Coynage much abo^t^ y^e^ same w^t^ and fineness as the last year, but those of Pollicatt fyner then they use to bee, some a quarter some a halfe and one a full [grain] better then yo^rs^ whereas alwaies or for the most part heretofore, they have bin found so much worse, notwithstanding they had by the Duch artificer obteyn'd in some places a bett^r^ repute then o^rs^ w^ch^ we would have you to keep up to their due vallue, and undeceive those People in their mistake as much as you can.

7. We sent you the last year 27 Ingotts of Gold as neare in fineness to yo^r^ Matt as we could procure them, and also sent as you then desired other 6 small Ingotts y^t^ were melted and assayed in the Tower, out of [all] the severall foraign coynes that we usually buy, together w^th^ y^e^ assaies themselves, and the Tower Report of them, as also some peeces of every such coyn in spetie made up in the same paper w^th^ y^e^ Ingott of its owne kinde, by w^ch^ we hope you will receive more sattisfacon in those ℔ticullers and accordingly improve it to o^r^ advantage, we also for you caution then sent you 12 small peeces of German Coynes called gold Guilders, still reffering you to y^t^ Lett^r^ [ . . . . ] we farther instanced on this subject, and hope by [yo^r^] [ . . . . ] bett^r^ inspection we shall [have no further] [ . . . ]ing discourses on this [ . . . ] [that 15^oz^ $\frac{15}{16}$ of Alloy] [ . . . . ] [agree to 6^oz.^ 5^dwt.^ 12$\frac{1}{2}$^gr.^ to 100 oz stan^d^] [ . . . . ] y^e^ 5 prementioned Ingotts on ye ffaulcon [ . . . . ] difference is very inconsiderable in respect [ . . . . ] designed to send o^r^ Gold as neare as can [ . . . . ] whereby to save that unnecessary charge for silver, but this year we have bin fayne to take it as we could gett it, and [not by] Contract as heretofore

* [Accomptants Paper to the Agent &c at the Fort No. (13).]

To the Agent and Councell
at Fort S^t^ George

S^rs^ Last yeare I sent Some few objections to your former bookes with some directions how to regulate them for the future which in all likelyhoode your Selfe doth understand better than I. Yett I must discharge my duty though it proves labour in vaine.

In the bookes rec^d^ this last yeare N° S I finde nothing rectified of what I objected, it being not then come to your hands however on a former advice from hence about the mistake in y^e^ Gold these bookes charge and recharge that article of Pago^s^ : 715 : 5 : 4 three times and all to noe purpose : of what was intended from hence, whereon I have made a narrower examination of it and [finde] that it was a reall mistake in you to charge our account Currant in your bookes O with those Pagothaes 715 : 5 : 4 as an errour in our Invoice there, being none in realty, and againe it was a mistake here to demand Sattisfaction from you for that Summe for that now I finde that your bookes O in the Sale of the [Checks] creditt us for the whole grosse weight of that Ingott N° 23 as it really weighed 156^oz.^ 8^dwt.^ which is right Soe that your errour in Chargeing us with 715 Pago^s^ : remaines still and might have beene rectified without your prejudice, in chargeing the account of gold with the Same Summe to our account Currant, but as the charge or discharge doth or will not tend to y^e^ Companies Proffitt or Losse you may either do it or lett it rest as you thinke it convenient.

Last shipping in the Bengale Merchants Invoice a mistake [was] committed in the [chest] in which was packed six bags w^th^ duccaty N° 37 @ 42 w^t^ [127^ll^ 3^s^ 5^d^ and Soe much but noe more was charged Soe the betterness of 1 carrot 2 graines was omitted, to be added which comes to 104 oz : 2 : 12 graine and that of 81 oz amounts to

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Ñ 421 : 14 : 1 which summe wee have since charged to your acco[t] and desire you will creditt our [account Currant] for the same, if not don allready before this comes to your hands.

Metchlepatam in their Invoices of goods Sent thence commonly charge such goods as they send for your Stores, as gunnies twine roapes Bucketts Bandalires &a in the same Invoices which some times is deducted with you and other times omitted (as by the Anns last Invoice) when it causes here Severall cha [*a few words lost*] and advices to [*two lines lost*] acco[t] : them in distinct articles in their bookes, the Same directions I desire those at y[e] Bay will observe, which if you approve of, please to enforce with your orders.

In the Anns Invoice from Metchlepatam there is charged Pago[s] : 15 : 30 for 100 Bandalires and 100 Bucketts which is not there deducted.

In the Samuel and Henrys Invoice from Metchlepatam wee finde shorte added 900 Pago [s]:

In the Loyall Subjects Invoice for 31 bags Saltpeter and in the Unities Invoice for 61 bags ditto finde Shorte charged rup[s] 878 : 2 :—both traversed out of the Ganges and with other two parcells deducted out of that Sloopes Invoice from the Bay, but these two onely omitted to be charged to y[e] respective Ships Invoices.

When you charge our account Currant with the Invoices of goods Sent us, or creditt us for a Cargo of goods rec[d] from us pray charge or discharge our account for each Ship distinct both in your Ledger and Journall that if any difference, wee may the sooner finde it out.

By the last Ships wee rec[d] : severall parcells of Salt[peetre] more than Invoiced whereof must expect the Perticulers by y[e] next.

Compareing your account of Metchlepatam factory w[th] their account Currant with you, as to y[e] transaccons in the last bookes there will appeare Severall differences viz.

More charged by Metchlepatam than charged credited [*a word lost*] you Pago[s] 900 errour in the Samuel and Henries Invoice as [menconed] before.

680 : 14 : 1 in their 3d article for wages presents and charges 8674 : 3 :—for ballance of their acco[t] : of Proffit and [Losse.] more charged at the fort than Credited by Metchlepatam Pago[s] : 80 : 25 for gunpowder and two peeces of Long cloth more credited at y[e] Fort than charged at Metchlepatam Pa : [16 : 2] in their 5[th] 6 & 7[th] articles for Bucketts roapes twine, &c.

all which might soone have beene brought in your bookes and [soe] caused both accounts as to its charge and discharge to agree, but the truth is its necessary that first you Settle the foundation which is the remain(es) wherein you vastly differ, Metchlepatam crediting [your account currant] wth Pago[s] 94,536 : 6 : 2 and your bookes charge[d] [*a few words lost*] Pagos ; 23,577: 6 : 3.

As to your account with the Bay for that yeare trans[accon] I finde little difference you charging them with Pagodoes 124 : 29:—more than they creditt you and they creditt us with theire erroneous article of rupees 215917 : 6 : 1 more than you charge them, but as to [your remaines] the difference is very greate, you credit them, [*portion of line lost*] they more truely creditt youre acco[t] currant [*portion of line lost*] therein likewise are in an [*portion of line lost*] See rectified in the next bookes I have this yeare provided the Paper Quills and other writeing materialls according to y[e] perticulars in the Invoice you will finde but three Sorts of Paper, if of either you have too much or too little [please] to advise, for bookes I intend to send no more unless you shall write for them, I send not neare So many quills as last yeare, for then I thinke there were too many Sent, besides these are much better, and as for Inke I am enformed (and believe it may be true) that all wee send is dried and Spoiled by the way, therefore have now sent but little of that Sorte, but have added 5 [Ps.] of Cake Inke here lately invented which I suppose may be proper to

be sent to you, by the printed papers you wil have direction how to use it, it writes pale and cleare but dries black which is a very good quallity in my letter to y^e^ Bay I give them directions how to make Inke if they san gett y^e^ materialls. If you aprove of it may cause a Copy to be taken.

In Metchlepatam bookes P folio 15 account of Salary is made D^r^ to cash Pago^s^ 148 : 18 : 4 whereing [*Sic*] they are mistaken Pagos 111 : 7 :8 by them charged: before in their bookes L M N & in a greater Summe of Pagodoes 180 : 1 : 4 viz Journal L.

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| L folio | 30 | Pago^s^ | 67 : | 1 : – |
| M | 18 | | 40 : | 3 : 2 |
| N | 19 | | 29 : | 5 : 2 |
| O | 14 | | 43 : | 24 : – |
| [*words lost*] | | | 180 : | 1 : 4 |

pray cause it to be examined and rectified for the Pago^s^ 111 : 7 : 8 is a plaine mistake.

In the Same factories bookes Q folio 15 Henry Colborne is credited by acco^t^ : of Salary for Pa : 3 : 6 : as p^r^ Sallary but hee doth not mencon to whome soe cannot charge it here but to his owne account where it remaines till hee shall cleare it.

S^rs^ what's above is read in Court and approved of and ordered to be Sent you, all but the two last paragraphs which I thought would have been read last night but they had no time [Sn^d^] 22 December 1[67 ].

FRANCIS BEYER Accomptant generall.

S^rs^ you will See by my letter to the Bay that I direct them to ease their bookes of a multitude of accounts that continually Stand on account of Sallary some thing of the same desease I finde Metchlepa[tam] inclined unto, which to cure and prevent the encrease I will give you my opinion which you may either approve of or not as you shall like it, it not being [enforced] by the Courts approbacon.

First as to M^r^ Turner and Mr. Colbornes creditt they [*a word lost*] there, but the following acco^ts^ : must be discharged to our [acct.] Currant [three] first being allready made [good] [*half a line lost*].

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| Francis Nelthorpe | Pago^s^ | 187 : | 16 : – |
| Francis Langston | | 196 : | 23 : 3 |
| John Crandon | | 78 : | 11 : 4 |
| Ambrose Salisbury | | 5 : | 11 : 4 |

as for y^e^ Severall debts I doe not finde any can be ballanced by our account currant,—but all must be Setled there viz.

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| John Feildes debt of Pagodoes | 27 : | 2 : 4 : | —ought to be rec^d^ there. |
| allso M^r^ Fleetwoods debt of | 722 : | 14 : — | and |
| M^r^ George Chamberlaines debt of | 277 : | 31 : — | and |
| Samuel Wales debt of | 104 : | 14 : — | deducting his [pay] |
| Nathaniel Cholmleys debt | 16 : | 7 : —1 | |

These following debts must either be paide in or deducted out of y^r^ sallaries viz.

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| M^r^ Joseph Arnolds debt of Pagodoes | 2 : | 15 : | 1 |
| R. Freeman | 9 : | 27 : | 1 |
| Xpher Hatton | 21 : | 17 : | 3 |
| John Scattergood | 20 : | – : | – |
| John Clearkes | 5 : | 25 : | – |

its a Shame that the Companies bookes should be filled w^th^ so many trifeling accounts which may easily be prevented as I have writ at large in my Bay letter though I deny not but its possible you may finde a better method.

These following debts must be accounted for w^th^ than and effectually settled, especially the two first being M^r^ Fleetewood is deade therefore please to recommend it.

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| R | Fleetwood & Christopher Hatton Pago^s^ | 6098 : 22 : 2 |
| R | Fleetwood & M. Winn | 6151 : 27 : – |
| G | Chamberlain & M. Winn | 1382 : 29 : 4 |

M^r^ Jearseys debt I can say nothing to it, but if M^r^ Mohuns debt will not be paide in there I thinke it may be charged to our account Currant, and as I writt to y^e^ Bay Soe if they have any such bad debts which are past recovery lett them discharge them by our account Currant I doubt they have too many of them and if they observe your directions they will bring their bookes in a better method which they will finde easy and pleasant Soe haveing not else I am

S^rs^ Your Friend & Servant

FRANCIS BEYER Accomp^t^: general.

THE ACCOMPTANTS' DIRECTIONS TO THE CHIEF & COUNCELL IN THE BAY N°. 4

S^rs.^ Last Year I sent you at Large my objections to your former books with directions to regulate them for y^e^ future; Since have received another pare of Books y^e^ worst that ever came from India I suppose occationed through a hurry of bussines at y^e^ time of Shipping for I cannot thinke that they were either directed or examined neither by your selfe nor by M^r^ Read (though he signed them) they being not onely very full of errors (to many here to recite) but lykewise filled with gross irregularities, for instead of Crediting your Subordinate factories for y^e^ goods you rec^d^ from them and sent us home: You carry y^e^ whole Credit of those Severall acco^ts^ of goods to Proffitt and Loss whereby you make gained for Ballance of these books Rup^s^ 215917: 6: 1: a goodly [sum] if it was Real. I suppose that before now you have found out those many mistakes and caused them to be rectified and according to M^r^ Masters directions bring your books in A better method, and when you are about rectifying doe but observe how very much your books are troubled w^th^ the several factors acc^ts^ whereof I find in these your last books unballanced 46, most of w^ch^ occationed to stand open on acc^t^ of salary. Some old acco^ts^ brought from book to books though paid here long since. I have examined every one of them and give you herewith my opinion concerning it viz., That you may make there following acc^ts^ D^r^ to our acco^t^ Currant, those sums being placed in C^t^ of ther acc^t^ here.

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| Henry Divine ... ... ... ... | Rup^s^ 683 : 10 : 10 |
| Mathias Harrison ... ... . ... | 61 : – : – |
| John Robinson ... ... ... ... | 612 : 10 : 5 |
| Joshua Darley ... ... ... ... | 250 : – : – |
| John James ... ... ... ... | 16 : – : – |

as for W^m^ Lux his Credit of 64 Rup^s^ I doubt there is a mistake in his acc^t^ for in your [book] from M to S I finde more money paid [*a word lost*] thes he is C^d^ by 144 Rup^s^, pray let it bee examinned and settled Claude Russels Credit of 10 R[up^s^:] I thinke you had best discharge there soe likewise Roberd Randals Credit of 30 Rup^s^ and Thomas Masons Credit of 96 Rup^s^ but ta[ke] notice you paid him 10 Rup^s^ in Jannua[ry] 167¾ not Charged to his Acco^t^ as in [journal] R. fol. [21], as for M^r^ John Billingsly, Credit of Rup^s^ 379: 12: 13 I finde thereof [due from] him to him Rup^s^ 53 : 14 : 9 an acc^t^ of his receyts to and disbursements y^e^ remander [*a few words lost*] ted him in your books [*a line lost*] pay him or carry it in C^r^ of our acco^t^ Current to be made good to him here.

Your owne Credit of Rup$^{s}$ 6501 : 12 : 8 : must be eavoned with You. Robert Coles C$^{r}$ of Rup$^{s}$ 862 : 13 : must be carryed in C$^{r}$ of our acc$^{t}$ Currant it being made good to him.

Thus farr for y$^{e}$ acc$^{t}$ that stands Crediter in your books ; as for y$^{e}$ Debtors y$^{e}$ first I finde William Pitts deceased who stands Debter Rup$^{s}$ : 1337 : whereon you ought to have C$^{d}$ him w$^{th}$ Rup$^{s}$ 1185 : 3 : by Decca ffactory rec$^{d}$ by them as by their books of 167$\frac{4}{5}$ and for y$^{e}$ remainder of y$^{t}$ Debt if nothing can [*a word or two lost*] recovered ballance his acc$^{t}$ by our acc$^{t}$ Currant.

Christopher Oxinden Edmund Bugden and Samuell Smiths acc$^{ts}$ stand open for Considerable sums whereof they must give acc$^{t}$ and be Credited for what they have disbursed, and the ballance p$^{d}$ or received of them y$^{e}$ like must be served with Richard French-field who is Debtor Rup$^{s}$ 690 : 9 :–

Thomas Lacy's Debt of Rup$^{s}$ 10 you ought to receive there alsoe John Brin mans Debt of Rup$^{s}$ 169 : 8 :–

James Price stands D$^{r}$ Rup$^{s}$ 23 : 8 his acco$^{t}$ : must be eavened and settled w$^{th}$ you w$^{ch}$ prey cause to be done alsoe Thomas Elliots acc$^{t}$ he being Debtor 100 Rup$^{s}$ and Lawerence Smirna's debt of 30 Rup$^{s}$
and for y$^{e}$ following acc$^{t}$ you may discharge them of their Respective Debts by our acc$^{t}$ Currant : being their acc$^{ts}$ are charged there w$^{th}$ them and either is already or will be made good to us.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Cap$^{t}$ William Gaich ... ... ... | Rup$^{s}$ | 5 : | 4 : – |
| John Bugden ... ... ... ... | | 93 : | – : – |
| John Marshall ... ... ... ... | | 15 : | 1 : – |
| Ralph harwar ... ... ... ... | | 140 : | 1 : – |
| William Churcman ... ... ... | | 83 : | – : – |
| Edward Reade ... ... ... ... | | 393 : | 3 : – |
| Edward Littleton ... ... ... | | 109 : | 4 : – |
| Mathias Vincent ... ... ... | | 390 : | 4 : 9 |
| George Peacock ... ... ... ... | | 229 : | 9 : 11 |
| George Heron ... ... ... | | 177 : | 8 : – |
| Samuell Bullivant ... ... ... | | 65 : | 5 : 8 |
| William Southernwood ... .. ... | | 11 : | – : – |
| John Byam ... ... ... .. | | 55 : | 1 : – |
| Thomas Bromloe ... ... ... | | 80 : | 14 : – |
| Valentine Nurse ... ... ... ... | | 696 : | 13 : 5 |
| Joseph Hall ... ... ... ... | | 279 : | 12 : 2 |
| Allen Katchpoole ... ... ... | | 123 : | – : – |
| George Knipe ... ... ... ... | | 25 : | 6 : – |
| Jeremiah Peachie ... ... ... | | 3 : | – : – |
| George Perrin ... ... ... ... | | 80 : | – : |
| John Threader ... ... ... ... | | 50 : | – : |
| Abraham Rutton ... ... ... | | 50 : | – : |
| Samuell Anthony ... ... ... | | 40 : | – : |
| John Smith ... ... ... ... | | 133 : | 5 : 11 |
| In all Rup : ... | | 259 | 10 10 |

Which when discharged will considerably lessen y$^{e}$ multitude of your open acco$^{t}$ in all your books, and to prevent y$^{e}$ increase of them for y$^{e}$ future it will be Convenient that you observe something lyke y$^{e}$ following Directions :

Let every ffactor and writer be paid noe more or less then what is due to him for his salary there. at y$^{e}$ closure of your books Credit every one by acc$^{t}$ of Salary. Proffit and Loss. or y$^{e}$ acco Currant for their whole Salary's. then Credit the acc$^{t}$ Currant by y$^{e}$ Severall ffactors acco$^{ts}$ for y$^{e}$ $\frac{2}{3}$ parts payable in England w$^{ch}$ done you will find all those acco$^{ts}$ ballanced. And if any of y$^{e}$ ffactors or writers buy

any goods of some deceased person or that some small psell be delivered him out of y^e^ Comp^a^ Warehouse for his ptler use he ought imediately to pay for it or elce to be deducted out of his next q^ts^ Salary for its not worth while to trouble y^e^ Comp^a^ books w^th^ such petty things. but if this cannot be done. and y^t^ such petty Debts of y^e^ ffactors must come in y^e^ books and remaine there at y^e^ closure of yo^r^ books then discharge them by our acco^t^ Currant to be deducted here out of y^e^ ⅔ of there salary, but this cannot be done and y^e^ writers acco^ts^ whoe receive at their salary with you, and if you have any Debts y^t^ are soe verry bad as irrecoverable.

Discharge them out of your books by your acc^t^: Currant. but if there be any hopes or lykelihood to recover any part of it. continue them in your books and at y^e^ ballancing of them [*a word lost*] bring them under y^e^ head of Bad or Disperate Debts, as I directed Last Year,

and when you send us your acco^ts^ pray remember not onely to send us a list of all your factor[s] alive in your place but allsoe those in every one of your Subordinate ffactory's and alsoe a list of those y^t^ Dyed and y^e^ time when, y^e^ wan[t] of w^ch^ is a great hinderance to us here in makeing up mens Acc^ts^ therefore pray faile us [not] and give strict orders to our Subordinate ffactories about it;

In your books R journ folio 37 you charge 210 Rup^s^ as paid part of y^e^ seamen of y^e^ advice Pinke one months wages but you doe not mention any ptlers whoe it was paid to, soe cannot know to whose acc^t^ to charge it here therefore desire you will explaine your selfe;

And in these your last books S your Subordinate factories acc^ts^ are much Difering from their books, occationed by your Chargeing them w^th^ what you Consigne to them w^ch^ is right. but omit to Credit them for what they send to you, a grose error and cause them to stand charged in your books soe verry much more then they Credit it your acc^t^ in their books, which is very irreguler and must be rectifyed w^th^ you according to y^e^ Directions I sent you by Last years Shipping,

In these books I finde you rectifye one error of 1000 Rup^s^ w^ch^ Decca in their books B brought in Credit of yo^r^ acc^t^ Curr^t^ but was; not Charged by you till now to M^r^ Clavell, this I omitted last Year to advise you alsoe your omission of chargeing that factory with Rup^s^ ii185: 3: recd by them one W^m^ Pitts Debt (as mentioned above) and of Crediteing them for y^e^ Charges Disbursed in that ffactory w^ch^ you must needs doe when you come to Settle at your Subordinate ffactory's acc^ts^

Another Error I finde betweene you and Decca ffactorye in your journ S fol. 3i you carge [*Sic*] them w^th^ Rup^s^ 340i: 2: for a ps fine greene 4 ps Scarlet and a psell of Brimstone; which latter seems to be rec^d^ at Decca as by their journ F fol. 8, yet differing some what with you. but noe mention is made by them of y^e^ six ps of cloth w^ch^ must be inquired into and by y^e^ next expect your answere to it,

And while I am writeing about Decca ffactory, I cannot but let you know that I find it a very Chargeable one on soe verry small trade as they have there for y^e^ Company and though it be true that considering they are (as it were) at Court they must be at some Charges for Reputation more then other ffactory's need, yet how they can make it come to soe much cannot well be aprehended here, therefore have order to send you y^e^ state of it w^ch^ you have here inclosed, please to have it examined & espetialy y^e^ ptlers of y^e^ Charges general, & y^e^ servants wages w^ch^ latter is thought to be extravagant,

In your last In[vo]ices finde Some mistakes which if you have not rectified before this Comes to your hands let it be done, in y^e^ Johanna's Invoice You over add 1000 Rup^s^ in in 16 bales of hummus which you make to Amount to 992i Rup^s^ and its but 692i;

in y^e^ falcons invoice you add short 300 Rup^s^ makeing y^e^ whole to amount to but 98i93: 8: when its [*Sic*] Comes to Rup^s^ 98493: 8:—

When you send any goods for y^e^ use of y^e^ Forte by our home bound ships, as wheat Rice etc pray doe not Charge them in y^e^ same Invoice w^th^y^e^ goods intended for England but make an Invoice a part for them and charge it in [a Distinct article

in your journall elce it causes mistakes and double writings for oftentyms they omit of y^e^ ffforte to deduct those goods (Intended for the stores) out of Yo^r^ invoices Charging us with y^e^ whole which afterwards must be rectified boath by them & us, I have this year provided y^e^ paper quils & other writing materials according to y^e^ ptlers in y^e^ invoice where you will finde but three sorts of paper if of either sorte You have to much or to little pray let me know for books I intend to send no more unless you shall write for them. y^e^ quils are much better then any formerly sent you, if you have to many pray advize, as for Inke I am informed (and beleave it may be true) y^t^ all we send is dryed and spoiled by y^e^ way therefore send but little of that sorte and 3 lb of Cake inke here lately invented w^ch^ I suppose may be proper to be sent to you by y^e^ printed paper You will have direction how to use it You will finde it to write verry pale and clear but dryes black, which is a verry good quality, yet if you should lyke better to make inke there your Selfe I send you here w^th^ Direction if you can but procure y^e^ materials there;

London the 20 December 1677.

By Order of court

FRANCIS BEYER Accomptant Generall.

S^rs^

What you have above is aproved by y^e^ Court but I forgot there to desire a little Light from You in an article in your books Q journ fol 35 where You make Pumace Diligence Debtor to Henry Dwine and Soe farr You are right but then you Deduct Rup^s^ 405 : 10 : as p^d^ in y^e^ Country and Rup^s^ 2 : 4 : ⅓ for goods bought now I desire to know where this money was paid in y^e^ Country, y^t^ y^e^ Orphants may not be wronged for I must Confess neither I nor any other here could ever find it, Your answere hereon is desired. I am

Your frind & servant

FRANCIS BEYER

To make 3 quarts of Inke & so in proportion more or less.

Take ¼ lb gome let it stand 8 dayes in ½ pint of Venaiger to melt then ½ lb of Coperis and 1 lb of gales beaten w^ch^ being put to 3 quarts of Clear water must stand sometime to soake at and be daily sturred till you finde it black enough.

THE STATE OF DECCA FACTORY ACCORDING TO THEIR THREE LAST BOOKES D E & F

N°: 7.

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| N°: D | ... English goods ... | Sold Rup^s^: | 808: | – | :– |
| E | ... ... ... ... | ... ... | – | – | :– |
| F | ... ... ... ... | ... ... | 2160: | – | :– |
| D | ... Other Europe goods | Sold ... | 4340: | – | :– |
| E | ... ... ... ... | ... ... | 365: | – | :– |
| F | ... ... ... ... | ... ... | 4071: | – | :– |
| | | Sould for Rup^s^: | 11744: | – | :– |
| D | ... India Goods bought 17 bales | | Rup^s^: | 9143: | – :– |
| E | ... ... ... ... 05 bales | | ... | 3620: | – :– |
| F | ... ... ... ... ... | | ... | 15893: | – :– |
| | | Bought for Rup^s^: | | 28656: | – :– |

To mannage w^ch^ : trade I find by their last bookes that there Resides two Factors & one Writer though I suppose another Writer is since added their ⅔ Sallary payable in England not Charged in their bookes amounts to ℔ 36 : 13 : 4^d^ the Dead Stock besides bad Debts Comes to 2890 Rup^s^ : and in the whole to mannage that trade there is Imployed about 25000 or 30000 Rupees the Charge thereon is very large as may be seene in the following ℔ticulars.

in Charges Gennerall besides Charges of Merchandize Interest & Presents.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| D ... ... ... ... ... | Rup^s^ : | 883 : – : | |
| E ... ... ... ... ... | | 819 : – : | |
| F ... ... ... ... ... | | 1049 : – : | |
| | Rup^s^ : | 2751 : – : | |

Servants wages how it Can amount to soe much or what they Can doe w^th^ them I know not.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| D ... ... ... ... ... | Rup^s^ : | 1739 : – : | |
| E ... ... ... ... ... | | 1821 : – : | |
| F ... ... ... ... ... | | 1846 : – : | |
| | Rup^s^ : | 5406 : – : | |

is ℔ : 675 :—and their own Sallary is but 195^ll^ in 3 yeare
Dyett w^ch^ I think is not extraordinary.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| D ... ... ... ... ... | Rup^s^ : | 693 : – : | |
| E ... ... ... ... ... | | 637 : – : | |
| F ... ... ... ... ... | | 578 : – : | |
| | Rup^s^ : | 1908 : – : | |

Interest

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| D ... ... ... ... ... | Rup^s^ : | 203 : – : | |
| E ... ... ... ... .. | | 192 : – : | |
| F ... ... ... ... ... | | 1327 : – : | |
| | Rup^s^ : | 1722 : – : | |

Presents very large but I suppoe Concernes the whole Bay Factories

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| D ... ... ... ... ... | Rup^s^ : | 795 : – : | |
| E ... ... ... ... ... | | 3751 : – : | |
| F ... ... ... ... ... | | 1150 : – : | |
| | Rup^s^ : | 5696 : – : | |

Loss on that Factory more then gained on goods and Silver according to y^e^ Severall bookes Viz^t^ :

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| D ... ... ... ... ... | Rup^s^ : | 3332 : – : | |
| E ... ... ... ... ... | | 7982 : – : | |
| F ... ... ... ... ... | | 3117 : – : | |
| | Loss Rup^s^ : | 14431 : – : | |

Bondes Ll 36 : 13 : 4 for their ⅔ Sallary payable here in England and the Interest of the Stock Imployed in that Factory.

FRANCIS BOYER Accomptant-Gennerall.

London 21th : December 1677.

ALLOWANCES MADE ON DAMAGED CALLICOES.

December 1677.

There were Severall Allowances made on Damaged Callicoes bought by Divers ℔sons, who Opened ym in the Warehouse (the Gunies of which bales lookt ffresh & ffaire to ye Eye) to ye Value of about ... ... ... ... ... ... £ 100 ; s. 00 : d. 00

And ℔ticuarly a Bale of Cassaes Nc : B : 6 ℔ ye Johanna bought ℔ Mr Lloyd which had 77 p̃s Very much Damaged, though Noe Such thing Could be ℔ceived ℔ ye Outside of the Bale, which makes us apt to beleeve they were Packed up soe.

ALLOWANCES * FOR SHORT MEASURE ON TAFFATIES AND ON DAMAGED TAFFATIES.

Allowances made for Short Measure on Taffaties ℔ ye Eagle Sold in Sept : 1677.

| | yds. | £ | s. | d. | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Chest No 38 A : | 1 | 00 : | 03 : | 8 | Mr : ffensell. |
| 33 | 40 | 06 : | 00 : | 0 | Mr : Day. |
| T.R.B. | 6 | 00 : | 15 : | 3 | Mr : Day. |
| 36 A | 11 | 01 : | 19 : | 0 | Mr : Masters. |
| 36 B | 11 | 01 : | 13 : | 6 | |
| 44 A | 3 | 00 : | 09 : | 2 | |
| 51 A | 10 | 01 : | 16 : | 6 | Mr : Bridger. |
| 49 A | 16 | 02 : | 11 : | 4 | |
| 16 | 47 | 08 : | 04 : | 6 | Mr : Scriven. |
| 51 B | 18 | 02 : | 17 : | 4 | Mr : Abney. |
| 15 | 5 | 00 : | 16 : | 2 | Mr : Ongley. |
| 52 B | 12 | 01 : | 19 : | 4 | Mr : Brenod |
| 64 | 7 | 01 : | 04 : | 10 | Mr : Phips. |
| 24 | 2 | 00 : | 07 : | 01 | Mr : Suite. |
| 5 | 3 | 00 : | 08 : | 04 | Mr : Woolly. |
| 2 | 9 | 01 : | 06 : | 06 | Mr : Sergeant. |
| 19 | 20 | 03 : | 10 : | 00 | |
| 41 A | 17 | 02 : | 15 : | 00 | Mr : Holton. |
| 54 B | 23 | 03 : | 14 : | 08 | |
| 53 B | 14 | 02 : | 03 : | 06 | Mr : Edmonson. |
| 35 A | 12 | 02 : | 01 : | 01 | Ald Bathurst. |
| 61 | 5 | 00 : | 18 : | 00 | Mr : Skidmore. |
| 22 | 3 | 00 : | 11 : | 04 | Mr : Ongley. |
| 56 | 2½ | 00 : | 05 : | 04 | |
| 11 | 1½ | 00 : | 04 : | 05 | |
| 48 B | 7½ | 01 : | 07 : | 09 | Mr : Turvin. |
| 50 A | 5 | 00 : | 15 : | 09 | Mr : Cutlove. |
| 40 A | 2½ | 00 : | 07 : | 10 | Mr : Blackmore. |
| 43 A | 4 | 00 : | 13 : | 00 | Mr : Woolly. |
| 35 B | 30 | 04 : | 11 : | 06 | Mr : Crisp. |
| 53 A | 1 | 00 : | 03 : | 08 | |
| 58 | 12 | 02 : | 03 : | 02 | |
| 50 B | 37 | 06 : | 13 : | 06 | Mr : Burrish. |
| 63 | 5 | 00 : | 17 : | 09 | Mr : Eaton. |
| 18 | 21 | 03 : | 13 : | 06 | Mr : Loyd. |
| 46 B | 2 | 00 : | 06 : | 03 | Mr : Sergeant. |
| 48 A | 10 | 01 : | 13 : | 00 | Mr : Ellerker. |

* There is a duplicate in the original of these lists of allowances.

| | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | l | s. | d. | |
| | 49 B | 51 | 09: | 04: | 05 | Mr: Brenod. |
| | 29. | 2 | 08: | 08: | 01 | Ald Bathurst. |
| | 42 A | 6 | 00: | 18: | 07 | Mr: Thurrow god. |
| | 17 | 43 | 07: | 10: | 06 | Mr: Ongley. |
| | 40 B | 1 | 00: | 03: | 01 | Mr: Phipps. |
| | 45 A | 17 | 02: | 13: | 06 | Mr: Lloyd. |
| | 34 | 44 | 06: | 08: | 00 | Mr: ffoster. |
| | 47 A | 11 | 01: | 15: | 08 | Mr: Withers. |
| Short Measur: | | 608 | 101: | 04: | 04. | ℔ Eagle. |
| Damage ... | | | 7: | 03: | 00. | |
| Short Measure | | 96 | 18: | 09: | 07. | ℔ Johanna. |
| Totall | | 704 | 126: | 16: | 11 | ℔ Both. |

Allowances made on Damagd Taffaties ℔ sevll: Ships Sold in Sept: 1677.

| | l | s. | d. | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Stayned | 00: | 10: | 00 | Mr: Withers. |
| Spotted | 00: | 15: | 00 | Mr: Sargeant. |
| Torne | 00: | 05: | 00 | Mr: Brerwood. |
| Milldew'd | 00: | 14: | 00 | Mr. ffensell. |
| Milldew'd | 01: | 18: | 00 | Mr: Crisp. |
| Holes throwout | 0: | 06: | 00 | Mr: Phips. |
| Spotted | 00: | 10: | 00 | Mr: Ongley. |
| Milldew'd | 00: | 10: | 00 | Mr: Scriven. |
| Milldew'd | 00: | 10: | 00 | Mr: Eaton. |
| Milldew'd | 00: | 06: | 00 | Mr: Withers. |
| ffrayed | 00: | 08: | 00 | Mr: Phipps. |
| Torne | 00: | 01: | 00 | Mr: Phips. |
| Spotted | 00: | 10: | 00 | Mr: Turvin. |
| | 07: | 03: | 00 | |

Allowances made for Short Measure on Taffaties ℔ ye Johanna Sold in Sept: 1677.

| | yds. | l | s. | d. | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Chest No. 66: | 19: | 3: | 10: | 3 | Mr: Frinder. |
| 67: | 32: | 6: | 01: | 7 | Mr: Frinder. |
| 68: | 45: | 8: | 17: | 9 | Mr: Abney. |
| | [96: | 18: | 09: | 7] | |

Taffaties Wanting in Sevll: Chests ℔ ye Eagle.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Chest No A 36 | 42 | single ps of 10 yds each. |
| A 38 | 01 | |
| A 39 | 01 | |
| A 45 | 36 | |
| A 50 | 40 | |
| | 120 | |

ꝑ y^e Johanna.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Chest N°: | 64 | 27 single p̃s. |
| | 65 | 6 |
| A: | 1 | 33 |
| B: | 1 | 36 |
| | | 102. |

The Taffaties ꝑ y^e ffaulcon & Surr^t : Mer^t : not yet opend.

There were also Severall Allowances made on Damaged Callicoes bought by Divers ꝑsons who Opened y^m in the Warehouse (the Gunies of Which Bales lookt ffresh & ffaire to y^e Eyes) to y^e value of ab^t : 100l̃

And ꝑticularly a Bale of Cassaes N° B : 6 ꝑ the Johanna, bought ꝑ M^r Lloyd which had 77 p̃s very much Damaged though no such thing Could be ꝑceived by the Outside of the Bale ; Which makes us apt to beleeve they were Packed up soe.

### Coast Callicoes wanting.

Leaden Hall 167⅞

Goods wanting [ꝑ] Sev^rall Ships at Opening ffor March Sale
Tickett of w^ch Bales are ready to be produced
and are Numbered as ꝑ Margene.

| | | Peeces. | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | Moorees | 06. | N° 10 Loyall Subj^t | Ed. Herry. |
| 2. | Betteelees | 02. | N° 34 Success | D° |
| | | | Sep^t Sale 1677. | |
| 6. | Percallaes | 01. | N° 15 Eagle | Ed. Herry. |
| 3 | Alajaes | 01. | N° 23 ffaulcon | Noe Name. |

### Acc^t. of Goods Wanting in Sevall Bales Opened for Sale 167⅞.

Leaden Hall 167⅞

Goods Wanting ꝑ Sevall Ships at Opening ffor March Sale
Ticketts of w^ch Bales are ready to be produced
and are Numbred as ꝑ Margen.

| N°. | | Peeces | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 3. | Ginghams Coll̃ | 07. | B. | 5 Sam^ll & Henry | Ed. Bugden. |
| 4. | D° | 02. | C. | 5 Ann | Tho: [Paice.] |
| 5. | Sannoes | 09. | A. | 4 Loyall Subj^t. | Ed. Bugden. |
| 6. | D° | 10. | A. | 1 Unity | D° |
| 7. | D° | 11. | B. | 1 D° | D° Sup Robd. |
| 8. | D° | 46. | A. | 3 D° | D° |
| 9. | D° | 40. | B. | 3 D° | D° |
| 10. | D° | 11. | B. | 1 Sam^ll & Hen. | D° |
| 11. | D° | 11. | B. | 4 Success | D° |
| 12. | D° | 09. | C. | 1 D° | D° |
| 13. | D° | 10. | C. | 2 D° | D° |
| 14. | D° | 40. | A. | 3 Ann | D° |
| 15. | D° | 10. | B. | 4 D° | D° |
| 16. | Humhums. | 08. | B. | 8 Loyall Subj^t | D° |
| 17. | D° | 03. | B. | 8 Success. | D° |
| 18. | Nillaes | 09. | B. | 9 Sam^ll & Hen. | D° |
| 19. | Mulmuls. | 13. | A. | 15 Unity | D° |
| 20. | D° | 12. | B. | 15 D° | D° |
| 21. | Ginghs Coll̃. | 07. | A. | 5 Loyall Subj^t | D° sup^s Robd. |

Sept Sale 1677.

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| N° 1 | Sannoes | 09. | C. 7 Johanna. | Ed. Bugden. |
| [2] | D° | 14. | B. 10 D° | D° |
| 3. | Humhums | 5. | B. 8 D° | D° Sup$^{s}$ Robd. |
| 4. | D° | 12. | C. 8 D° | D° |
| 5. | Romals. | 23. | B. 11 D° | D° |
| 7. | Sannoes | 5. | B. 10 Eagle. | D° |
| 8. | D° | 12. | C. 2 D° | D° |
| 9. | Humhums. | 10. | A. 7 D° | D° |
| 10. | Musters. | 3. | C. m. D° | Noe Ticket. |
| 11. | Romals. | 37. | A. 11 D° | D° Sup$^{s}$ Robd. |
| 12. | D° | 01. | A. flaulcon. | Noe Name. |

ACC$^{TT}$ OF GOODS WANTING IN SEVALL BALES OPENED AT LEADEN HALL W$^{CH}$ WERE SOLD TO SEVALL ℔SONS WHO HAD ALLOWANCE AT Y$^{E}$ RATE THEY PAID THE COMPANY 167$\frac{6}{7}$. N° (11)

Leaden Hall 1676. Sept. Sale.

Goods wanting in Bales Opened in y$^{e}$ Warehowse which were sold to sevall persons who had Allowance ffor them at y$^{e}$ Rate they paid the Company.

| | | | | | s. d. | | ll s. d. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Sept$^{r}$ 20 | M$^{r}$ Woolley [℔] Fassett | 1 Nillae | A 9 | Sam$^{ll}$ & Hen. | 19. 6 | | 00 19: 06 |
| Octob$^{r}$ 6 Sup$^{s}$ Robd | Ald Bathurst | 6 D° | C. 9 | Unity | at 17. 0 | Noe Tickett. | 05: 02: 00 |
| Nov$^{r}$ 14 | M$^{r}$ Alvares ℔ Gom Sera. | 2 D° | C. 9 | Sam$^{ll}$ & Hen. | 16. 8 | | 01: 13: 04 |
| Decemb$^{r}$ 1 | M$^{r}$ Alvares ℔ D° | 6 D° | C. 9 | D° | 16. 6 | Tho: Paice | 04: 19: 00 |
| 18 | M$^{r}$ Tentsell | 4 Gingh Coll | B. 5 | Unity | 15. 2 | Ed. Bugden. | 03: 00: 08 |
| January 15 Sup$^{s}$ Robd | Ald Bathurst. | 6 Nillaes | C. 9 | D° | 17. 0 | D° | 05: 02: 00 |
| ffeb$^{r}$ 8 Sup$^{s}$ Robd | Ald Bathurst. | 9 Sannoes | C 4 | D° | 8. 2 | D° | 03: 13: 06 |

Leaden Hall 167$\frac{6}{7}$ March Sale.

| | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| March 16 | M$^{r}$ Day | 5 Gingh Coll | A 5 | Ann | 15. 0 | Ed. Bugden. | 03: 15: 00 |
| 21 | M$^{r}$ Acton | 3 Nillaes | C 9 | D° | 16. 10 | Tho: Paice | 02: 10: 06 |
| 24 | M$^{r}$ Lenude M$^{r}$ Woolley ℔ M$^{r}$ Edwards. | 6 Sannoes | C 1 | D° | 08. 5 | Ed. Bugden. | 02: 10: 06 |
| 26 | M$^{r}$ Depremont. | 2 Sannoes | C 2 | Success | 09. 2 | Ed. Bugden. | 00: 18: 04 |
| 26 | M$^{r}$ Lenude | 6 D° | A 1 | Sam$^{ll}$ & Hen. | 08: 7 | D° | 02: 11: 06 |
| 26 | M$^{r}$ Acton | 4 Nillaes | C 9 | Ann | 16. 10 | Tho. Paice | 03: 07: 04 |
| 27 | M$^{r}$ Paige | 2 Sannoes | D 2 | D° | 9. 3 | Ed. Bugden. | 00: 18: 06 |
| 27 | M$^{r}$ Gonsales | 14 D° | B 4 | Unity | 8. 10 | D° | 06: 03: 08 |
| 29 | M$^{r}$ Collins | 6 Gingh Coll | B 5 | Success | 14. 8 | D° | 03: 10: 10 |
| 30 | M$^{r}$ Scudamore | 1 Nillae | B 9 | D° | 18. 2 | Tho : Paice. | 00: 18: 02 |
| 30 | M$^{r}$ Alvares [℔ Gom Sera] | 5 Gingh Coll | C 5 | D° | 14. 2 | Ed. Bugden. | 03: 10: 10 |
| 31 | M$^{r}$ Brerwood ℔ M$^{r}$ Phips | 4 Nallaes | B 9 | Unity | 18. 6 | D° | 03: 14: 00 |
| 31 | M$^{r}$ Decosta | 10 Sannoes | B 4 | D° | 8. 10 | D° | 04: 08: 04 |
| 31 | M$^{r}$ Shute ℔ M$^{r}$ Dcosta. | | | | | | |
| Aprill 19 | M$^{r}$ Waverley Franica | 6 Sannoes | A 4 | Success | 10. 8 | D° | 03: 04: 00 |
| May 8 | M$^{r}$ Acton | 6 Nillaes | C 9 | Ann | 16. 10 | Tho. [Paice] | 05: 01: 00 |
| 16 | M$^{r}$ Miranda | 4 Gingh Coll | C 5 | D° | 14. 2 | Ed. Bugden. | 02. 16: 08 |
| | Sup$^{s}$ Robd D° | 2 D°. | C 5 | Success | 14. 8 | [*name lost*] | 01; 09 — |
| June 15 Sup$^{s}$ Robd | Ald Bathurst. | 10 Sannoes | C 3 | Ann | 08. 4 | Do. | 04: 03: 04 |
| July 16 | Ald Bathurst. | 7 D° | C 2 | Success | 09. 2 | [Ed. Bugden] | 03: 04: — |

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| Sep[r] | 21 | Sup[s] Robd | Mr Masters | 9 | Nillaes | | 9 | Johanna | 17. | 4 | [Ed. Bugden] | 07 | 16 | 00 |
| | | | Mr Ongley | 5 | Humh[s] | B | 8 | Do | 16. | 2 | Do | 04 | 00 | 10 |
| | 22 | | Mr Wagstaff ℔ Trindar | 8 | Do | A | 8 | Eagle | 16. | 2 | Do | 06 | 09 | 0 |
| | | | Mr Hca [...] | 9 | Ging[s] [Coll] | C | 5 | Johanna | 13. | 2 | Do | 05 | 18 | 0 |
| | 24 | | Mr Brough | 8 | Do | [ | 5 | Do ] | 14. | 2 | Do | 05 | 13 | 0 |
| | 25 | | Mr Waystuff | 10 | Humh[s] | A | 8 | Eagle | 16. | 2 | Do | 08 | 01 | 0 |
| | 25 | | Mr Scriven ℔ Mr Jn[o] Hall | 10 | Nillaes | B | 9 | Johanna | 17 | 4 | Do | 08 | 17 | 04 |
| | | | Do | 8 | Nillaes | B | 9 | Do | 17 | 4 | Do | 06 | 18 | 08 |
| | 26 | | Mr Cutlove | 8 | Gingh Coll | C | 5 | Do | 13 | 4 | Do | 05 | 06 | 08 |
| | 27 | | Mr Decosta | 10 | Sannoes | B | 10 | Eagle | 14 | 2 | Do | 07 | 01 | 08 |
| | | | Do | 8 | Cassaes | C | 6 | Johanna | 26 | 6 | Do | 10 | 12 | 00 |
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| Octob | 2 | | Mr Scriven | 8 | Nillaes | B | 9 | Johanna | 17 | 4 | Ed. Bugden | 06 | 18 | 08 |
| | 4 | | Mr Gomsera ℔ Alvares | 1 | Sannoe | B | 7 | Eagle | 13 | 2 | Do | 00 | 13 | 02 |
| | 5 | | Mr Gonsales ℔ Mr Bridger | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | 5 | | Mr Fentsell | 8 | Gingh Coll | | 5 | Johanna | 15 | 2 | Ed. Bugden | 06 | 01 | 04 |
| | 11 | | Mr Masters ℔ Mr Shule | 8 | Nillaes | B | 9 | Do | 17 | 4 | Do | 06 | 18 | 08 |
| | | Sup[s] Robd | Ald Bathurst | 27 | Romalls | B | 11 | Do | 22 | 0 | Do | 29 | 14 | 00 |
| | | | Mr Phips ℔ Mr Preston | 10 | Gingh Coll | B | 5 | Do | 14 | 2 | Do | 07 | 01 | 08 |
| | 16 | | Mr Onyley | 10 | Do | C | 5 | Do | 13 | 2 | Do | 06 | 11 | 08 |
| | 20 | | Mr Phips | 5 | Humh[s] | C | 8 | Do | 16 | 0 | Do | 04 | 00 | 00 |
| | | | Mr Breerwood | 10 | Nillaes | C | 9 | Do | 15 | 6 | Do | 07 | 15 | 00 |
| | | | Mr Loyd ℔ S[r] Pat. Ward | 1 | Cassae | B | 6 | Do | 28 | 0 | Noe Tickett | 01 | 08 | 00 |
| | 26 | Sup[s] Robd | Mr Phips | 14 | Gingh Coll | B | 5 | Do | 14 | 2 | Ed. Bugden | 09 | 18 | 04 |
| Decemb. | 6 | | Mr Brerwood | 9 | Nillaes | B | 9 | Do | 17 | 4 | Do | 07 | 16 | 00 |
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### List of the Williamsons Packett for Fort S[t]: George.

1. Companies Generall to Fort S[t] George dat 12[th] Xber 1677.
2. Copy of the Companies Letter to Ditto Overland dat 7. 7br. 1677.
3. Copy of the Companies Letter to d[o] dat 8 Jan[ry] 1674 about Cassa Verona.
4. His Ma[ts] Comission for Tryall of the Prison[rs]; at the Fort.
5. Instructions for proceeding in the Tryall of the said Offenders
6. fforme of an Indictment.
7. Invoice of the ship Williamson.
8. Bill of Ladeing for ditto.
9. List of Bullion laden on the 3 Coast ships for private acco[t];
10. List of Wynes & goods laden for private mens acco[ts] on the 3 ships.
11. Auditor's reply.
12. A Clause concerning the Mint.
13. Accomptants Paper to the Agent &c at the Fort.
14. Charter party of the Williamson.
15–30. Blanck Indentures & 30 Blanck Bonds to ℔forme Covenants sent in two Packetts apart.
16. 5 Papers noteing goods wanting in seve[l] Bales, damaged Callicoes & Short Measure on Taffaties, on which allowances were made.

17. A list of the Names of the Soldiers & Passingers for ffort S$^{t}$ George.
18. A List of the Young Seamen & hospitall youths entertained for the Bay.
19. Printed Indulgencies for ffactors & Mariners.

LIST OF THE WILLIAMSONS PACKETT FOR THE BAY.

1. Companies General to the Cheif & Councel dat : 12$^{th}$ X̃br. 1677.
2. Copy of the Companies Generall Overland dat : 19 July 1677.
3. Copy of Comp$^{as}$ grall overland Dat : 7 : Septeb$^{r}$ : 1677.
4. The Accomptants Directions to y$^{e}$ : Bay.
5. Copy of a Letter from Cossumbazar ;
6. Copy of an order for encouragem$^{t}$ of Ships to sail up y$^{e}$ River ganges.
7. The State of Decca Factory.

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